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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/4/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/3/58, concerns the Communist Party West Coast Labor Conference held at Berkeley, California on 2/1/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-34639 (LEIBEL BERGMAN)

61--525 (WALTER STACK)

65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)

61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)

100-22370 (NOEL HARRIS)

100-4418 (JACK MONTGOMERY)

100-6692 (MIKE FREIDEN)

65-1561 (ART GORIN)

100-27348 (BARNEY DEVETO)

100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)

100-29549 (ARNIE MILLER)

100-36248 (JOE FIGUERIDO)

97-26 (WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)

100-32109 (FRED FINE)

100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)

100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

61-414 (OLETA YATES)

(LEE COE)

(HELEN LIMA)

(BERT \_\_\_\_\_)

8 cc: LOS ANGELES (REG)

1- BERNIE \_\_\_\_\_

JESSIE \_\_\_\_\_

BEN DOBBS

CLAY \_\_\_\_\_

PETE \_\_\_\_\_

PAUL \_\_\_\_\_

BEN MARGOLIS

5 cc: SEATTLE (REG)

1- HELEN NELSON

BURT NELSON

GUY \_\_\_\_\_

MORTON \_\_\_\_\_

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"REPORT ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY  
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA  
FEBRUARY 3, 1958

"A West Coast Labor Conference was held by the Communist Party on Saturday, February 1, 1958. The meeting was held on the third floor of the East Gate Lodge Building at 3138 Grove Street, Berkeley.

"Registration started at about 9:30 AM and was done by LEE COE. Some of those who were in attendance at the meeting follow:

"MICKIE LIMA  
HELEN and BURT NELSON -- Washington  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
FRED FINE  
JOE FIGUEIREDO  
BEN DOBBS  
WALTER STACK  
ARCHIE BROWN  
NOEL HARRIS  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
ART GORIN  
BARNEY DEVETO  
JACK MONTGOMERY  
LEE COE  
LAIBLE  
MIKE FRIEDEN  
MERLE BROTSKY  
ARNIE MILLER  
BERNIE ---LA  
CLAY --- LA  
JESSIE (woman) -- LA  
PAUL --- LA  
GUY -- Wash  
BERT - Oakland  
PETE("FRENCHY") LA  
MORTON -- Wash.

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"About 50 delegates registered for the Conference and at about 10:00 o'clock, Helen Lima brought the food for lunch for the delegates to the hall and she asked Lulu Mae Thompson, who was an observer at the meeting to serve the lunch to the delegates. Howard Thompson and Art Gorin helped her when it came to the actual serving.

"Mickie Lima made a report for the planning committee and the following were elected to act as Chairmen for the session:

"BURT NELSON, morning session  
ARCHIE BROWN, Afternoon session  
BERNIE, Los Angeles, evening session.

"Fred Fine opened the reports and discussion period with a report on the Draft statement on Labor for 1958 and he included remarks from the conferences and discussions which he has been sitting in on throughout the country. The rest of the morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to various reports from the districts represented and to discussions.

"The meeting recessed at about 6:00 PM for dinner. The members of the steering committee went to Mickey Lim's home for dinner and to prepare a report for the conference on the motions and resolutions which had been presented.

"The conference was resumed at about 8:30 PM and the steering committee presented a majority and a minority report, as follows:

"Majority report, presented by Arnie Miller:

"We recommend the adoption of the general line and direction of the draft program and resolution with the transmittal of all documents, including the notes on the discussion to the National Committee for their consideration, with the following amendments:

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"Bringing up to date the section dealing with the economic situation, and giving it concentration and also stressing its effect on labor.

"Bringing it up to date on the anti-labor drive and monopolies.

"Placing plainly and squarely that the main enemy of labor is monopoly and its political lieutenants.

"Dealing openly with the differences in a peace time and a war amaments economy and its effects on labor.

"Giving attention to the Labor-Negro alliance and the neglect of women in labor in the document.

"Strengthen the statement on Socialism in the Trade Union Resolution adopted by the Convention.

"Minority report presented by BURT NELSON:

"We recommend the Draft Labor Resolution be rewritten to Conform to the experiences expressed in the Washington report and resolution. The amendments attached were about the same as in the majority report.

"After hot debate the jamority report was adopted by a close margin.

"The Washington report was then endorsed and the Indiana document was rejected.

"Motions were passed asking consideration by the Committee to the following:



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"Youth in Labor, Aged in Labor, effect on labor of imports, international exchange of labor delegations, effect of foreign labor on American Trade unions.

"Ben Dobbs said everyone present should send greetings to Oleta Yates and send telegrams to the United States attorney in Los Angeles Asking him to ask for bail for her at the hearing.

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[REDACTED] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/4/58 that most of the delegates to the Conference appeared to back FRED FINE and SID STEIN in the National Factional fight as opposed to EUGENE DENNIS.

ACTION: File. Route cc on BERT ..... to Oakland RA for identification.

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CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

[redacted]  
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65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-35979 (DAVE VOLBERG)  
100-29549 (ARNIE MILLER)  
100-34639 (LEIBEL BERGMAN)  
100-6692 (MIKE FRIEDEN)  
100-39467 (ROBERT PURDY)  
100-32109 (FRED FINE)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS CO.)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
100-30046 (PHIL DAVIS)  
100-31080 (LEORA CHASTEEN)

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 3, 1958

"A meeting of the Northern California Communist Party Labor Committee was held at the home of Mickie Lima in Oakland on Wednesday evening, January 29, 1958. The following people were present for the meeting:

"MICKIE LIMA  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
DELMER BERG  
DAVE (Santa Clara)  
ARNIE MILLER  
LAIBLE  
MIKE FRIEDEN  
BOB PURDY

"This meeting was called to make the final arrangements for the West Coast Labor Conference which was to be held on Saturday, February 1, 1958. MICKIE said the meeting would be held in the East Gate Lodge Building, 3138 Grove Street, Berkeley. The meeting hall is on the third floor of the building.

"The committee decided to set up a steering committee on the following basis:

"2 from Southern California  
1 from Northern California  
1 from Oregon  
1 from Washington

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"MICKIE LIMA and FRED FINE will also be on this committee and it will set up the rules for the conference and also act as the resolutions committee. ARNIE MILLER was elected to serve on this committee to represent Northern California.

"MICKIE showed the committee members a paper with the numbers 12 and 20 written on it. he stated this was the number of delegates expected from the North and South respectively. He asked LAIBLE to find homes among Party members in San Francisco where some of the delegates could stay.

"Registration for the conference will start t 9:30 AM, the conference to be opened at 10:00 AM with reports and discussion to be heard all day, to be followed by action on the resolutions and motions at the evening meeting.

"The committee meeting adjourned at about 11:00 PM.

"Before the meeting of the committee opened MICKIE listened to a report by DELMER BERG on the Stanislaus County Clubs situation and he told BERG to follow LULU MAE THOMPSON's advice and just collect the dues of the members and hold off on any meetings until the situation clears up.

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orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/4/58 that the Stanislaus County CP is split because PHIL DAVIS is going around with LEORA CHASTEEN and both of these couples will probably be divorced.

ACTION: File.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

DATE: 2/20/58

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Dates of Contact 1/30,31/58; 2/3,4,12,13,17,20/58

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	100-11889
CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY	100-28630
CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY	100-21286

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative

☒ Positive 1/30,31/58; 2/3,4,12,13,17,20/58

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☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) DATE: 2/14/58

FROM: SA WILLIAM G. CARPENTER

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES,  
FRESNO COUNTY,  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	Meeting of San Joaquin Section, Northern District, 1/19/58	1/24/58	writer	[redacted]

The informant orally furnished information on 1/20/58. This information was reduced to a statement and signed by the informants on 1/24/58.

Informant's report is as follows:

"January 20, 1958  
Fresno, California

"I attended a meeting of the San Joaquin-Sacramento Section, of the Northern District, California Communist Party on 1/19/58 at the home of LULU MAE THOMPSON, Lathrop, California. The meeting took place approximately between the hours of 12:30 and 4:00 pm.

cc: 9 - San Francisco (CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT)-REGISTERED  
(100-27988, D. BERG)(100-27348, B. DEVOTO)  
(LILLIAN RANSOM)(100-20472, J. JILBERT)

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100-28272 (F. GEORGE)(SI)  
100-22798 (J. BALLARD)(SI)  
100-33187 (D. BALLARD)(SI)  
100-16827 (TULARE CP)  
100-27419 (M. LIMA)

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"The meeting was chaired by LULU MAE THOMPSON. Present were the following: From the Fresno County Communist Party, FRANK GEORGE, a member of the Section Executive Committee, NADINE SMITH and HASKELL SMITH, from the Tulare County Communist Party, JIM and DELLA BALLARD. A total of thirteen were present. Others present were: LULU MAE and HOWARD THOMPSON, MICKEY LIMA, ART, whose last name I do not know, from Sacramento, DELL, whose last name I do not know, from Modesto, LILLIAN RANSOM, BARNEY, whose last name I do not remember, from Marysville, and JACK JILBERT, from Tracey.

"MICKEY LIMA, representing the Northern District, reported on Northern District and also the National Committee of the Communist Party. He stated that there is presently a crisis within the Communist Party, and that it will take eight to ten years of investigation, study, and analysis to solve and correct the crisis within the Party, and to win the American Revolution. LIMA spoke of JOHN GATES and was very much opposed to GATES and his policies. LIMA is of the opinion that the American Revolution cannot be won without struggle and a fight, whereas GATES feels that the American Revolution can be won by peaceful means. LIMA stated that the cause of the present internal conflict of the Party stems from the fact that the capitalist countries formerly had the power, but that recently the Communist countries have become more powerful. LIMA states that because of this change in power, GATES feels that the American Revolution can be won by peaceful means.

"LIMA stated that the National Committee of the Communist Party about won year ago voted to move the Headquarters from New York to Chicago. LIMA claims that the leadership of the Party in New York has become stagnated, and that a move is to the Party's best interests. LIMA took a vote of the members present at instant meeting, and all voted that the headquarters should be moved to Chicago. LIMA advised that further efforts will be made to bring about this move.

"FRANK GEORGE spoke briefly concerning mass activity by himself and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. He said that a convention of this group is approaching, and that at a recent meeting a few individuals spoke strongly about having any Communist

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"influence or any Communist Party member attend this convention. GEORGE advised that one member expressed a lack of any knowledge of Communism and wondered how a Communist Party member would be known by the group.

"DELL made a report in the nature of a pep talk stating that he thought that it is wonderful that the Communist Party is no longer stagnated, and that now the Communist Party is coming to life and beginning to work.

"MICKEY LIMA discussed the 'Right to Work' issue in California. He stated that HOWARD THOMPSON and DELL will be members of the Communist Party Committee to work to defeat the 'Right to Work' program in Calif. He stated that such a law would serve only to wreck unions, and guaranty work to the individual."

ACTION: Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.



OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) DATE: 2/19/58  
 FROM: SA WILLIAM G. CARPENTER  
 SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES  
 FRESNO COUNTY  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed	Meeting, San Joaquin Section, Northern District, 1/19/58	1/24/58	Writer	[redacted]

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 Fresno, California

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ccs: [redacted]

100-28272 (F. GEORGE) (SI)  
 100-22798 (J. BALLARD) (SI)  
 100-31187 (D. BALLARD) (SI)  
 100-27419 (M. LIMA)  
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SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)  
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 DISTRICT - 100-11889)

[redacted]  
 HOWARD THOMPSON [redacted]  
 (DELL BERG - 100-27908)  
 (BARNEY DEVOTO - 100-27348)  
 (LILLIAN RANSOM)  
 (JACK JILBERT - 100-20472)  
 (ART [redacted])

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"NADINE SMITH. A total of thirteen people were present. Also present were the following: MICKEY LIMA, ART, whose last name I do not know, from Sacramento, HOWARD THOMPSON, DELL, whose last name I do not know, from Modesto, LILLIAN RANSOM, BARNEY, whose last name I do not remember, from Marysville, JACK JILBERT, from Tracey, California, and JIM and DELLA BALLARD from the Tulare County Communist Party.

"The above meeting took place from approximately 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

"The meeting was chaired by LULU MAE THOMPSON.

"MICKEY LIMA, representing the Northern District, reported on the Northern District and the National Committee of the Communist Party and the Crisis which is going on within the Party. LIMA stated that it will take eight or ten years of investigation, study, and analysis, to solve and correct the situation within the Party, and to win the American Revolution. LIMA argued against the group representing JOHN GATES, and felt that the American Revolution cannot be attained peaceably, but must be the result of fight and struggle. LIMA claimed that the cause of the present internal conflict is that the capitalist countries have had the controlling power until recently, but that now the controlling power is in the hands of the Communist block. LIMA indicated that he does not agree with GATES that as a result of this swing in the balance of power that the American Revolution can be attained by peaceful means.

"LIMA stated that the National Committee a year ago voted to move the Communist Party headquarters from New York to Chicago, but that this has not been done. He took a vote of all the members and it was agreed unanimously that the headquarters should be moved from New York to Chicago. LIMA stated that further efforts will be made by the Northern District of California to bring about this move.

"FRANK GEORGE spoke briefly concerning mass activity by himself and the Fresno County Communist Party within the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. He indicated that a convention will be held soon, and that members have expressed a positive desire to keep any 'reds' or communists from attending the convention.

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ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed regarding this report and could furnish no additional information.

All other necessary action in connection with the above has been taken by the writer.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)

DATE: 3/6/58

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/13/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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This report dated 2/13/58, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held on 2/12/58 at Lathrop, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 13, 1958

"A meeting of the Communist Party was held at the Howard Thompson home on Wednesday evening, February 12, 1958 and those present at the meeting were:

Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
Jack Jilbert

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① [redacted] SF 1604-S)

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1-100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

1-100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)

1-100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)

1-100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

1-100-27747 (CP Organization)

1-97-27 (PW)

1-100-32375 (SYBILL STICHT)

1-100-35117 (Sobell Defense Committee)

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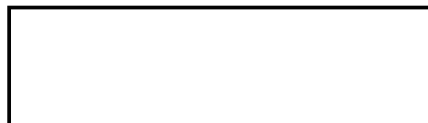
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"Keylor opened the meeting by calling on Howard Thompson to make a report on the two labor conferences he had attended.

"Preceding the opening of the meeting Lulu Mae Thompson collected the dues from the following:

Jack Jilbert	45¢	dues for Jan., Feb., and March
Howard Thompson	\$5.00	dues for Jan. and \$1.00 sustainer
Lulu Mae Thompson	.50	" " " " \$1.00 "

"Nominations were held for officers for the coming year and the following officers were nominated:

Chairman: Howard Keylor and Howard Thompson  
Fin. Secretary: Lulu Mae Thompson and Evangeline Keylor  
Educational Director: Jack Jilbert

"Lulu Mae Thompson gave a brief report on the section meeting which was held on January 20th and on the District Committee meetings she has attended since the first of the year.

"Reports were made on the Peoples World and Howard Keylor was instructed to write to the paper and ask them why they are not carrying more news on the subscription drive and also the reason for not printing a weekly record of the standing of the areas on their quotas for the drive.

"Howard Keylor reported that he had been contacted by letter by the Sobell committee about circulating some petitions and he requested that Evangeline Keylor contact Sybil Sticht to see if she would be able to take charge of doing this.

"The next club meeting will be held at the Thompson home on Wednesday evening, February 26, 1958.

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/13/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-34322) )

DATE: 3/6/58

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

RE: STEVE CHARNESKI  
SM-C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/13/58 by [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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This report dated 2/11/58 concerns activities of the subject at Stockton. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 11, 1958

"On Tuesday evening, February 4, 1958, Howard Keylor called at the Howard Thompson home, and he visited with Lulu Mae Thompson until Howard Thompson returned from his union meeting.

"Keylor told the Thompsons he had been approached by Steve Charneski with a request to join the Communist Party. He stated that Steve is employed by the State and has signed a loyalty oath and he wanted to know what the Party is now doing in these cases. He asked Lulu Mae Thompson to ask Mickie Lima about this.

"Since the San Joaquin County Club of the Party has not met in such a long time a date was set for a meeting. It will be held at the Thompson home on Wednesday evening, February 12, 1958."

[ ] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/13/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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1-100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

1-100-21286 (CP, San Joaquin Co.)

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CITY San Francisco, California

DATE [Redacted]

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

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for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 10-17-57

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828)

DATE: 3/4/58

FROM : SA WILLIAM G. CARPENTER

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES  
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Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past and whose identity should be concealed	San Joaquin-Sacramento Section mtg., 1/19/58	1/24/58	Writer	[redacted]

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"January 20, 1958  
Fresno, California

"I attended a meeting of the San Joaquin-Sacramento Section, of the Northern District, California Communist Party on 1/19/58, at the home of LULU MAE THOMPSON, Lathrop, California. The meeting took place approximately between the hours of 12:30 and 4:00 p.m.

cc: ⑨ - San Francisco (REGISTERED)  
(LULU MAE THOMPSON)  
(SAN JOAQUIN SACRAMENTO SECTION)  
(HOWARD THOMPSON)  
(MICKEY LIMA)  
(ART [redacted])  
(DELL [redacted])  
(LILLIAN RANSOM)  
(BARNEY [redacted])  
(JACK JILBERT)

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100-22798 (J. BALLARD)(SI)  
100-31187 (D. BALLARD)(SI)  
100-5589 (NAACP)

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"MICKEY LIMA, representing the Northern District, reported on Northern District and also the National Committee of the Communist Party. He stated that there is presently a crisis within the Communist Party, and that it will take eight to ten years of investigation, study, and analysis to solve and correct the crisis within the Party, and to win the American Revolution. LIMA spoke of JOHN GATES and was very much opposed to GATES and his policies. LIMA is of the opinion that the American Revolution cannot be won without struggle and a fight, whereas GATES feels that the American Revolution can be won by peaceful means. LIMA stated that the cause of the present internal conflict of the Party stems from the fact that the capitalist countries formerly had the power, but that recently the Communist countries have become more powerful. LIMA states that because of this change in power, GATES feels that the American Revolution can be won by peaceful means.

"LIMA stated that the National Committee of the Communist Party about one year ago voted to move the Headquarters from New York to Chicago. LIMA claims that the leadership of the Party in New York has become stagnated and that a move is to the Party's best interests. LIMA took a vote of the members present at instant meeting, and all voted that the headquarters should be moved to Chicago. LIMA advised that further efforts will be made to bring about this move.

"FRANK GEORGE spoke briefly concerning mass activity by himself and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. He said that a convention of this group is approaching, and that at a recent meeting a few individuals spoke strongly about having any Communist influence or any Communist Party member attend this convention. GEORGE advised that one member expressed a lack of any knowledge of Communism and wondered how a Communist Party member would be known by the group.

"DELL made a report in the nature of a pep talk stating that he thought that it is wonderful that the Communist Party is no longer stagnated, and that now the Communist Party is coming to life and beginning to work.

"MICKEY LIMA discussed the 'Right to Work' issued in California. He stated that HOWARD THOMPSON and DELL will be members of the Communist Party Committee to work to defeat the 'Right to Work' program in Calif. He stated that such a law would serve only to wreck unions, and guaranty work to the individual."

LA 100-16828

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed regarding this report and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

3/26/58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS-C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/14/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/13/58, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held at Lathrop, California, on 3/11/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
March 13, 1958

"The Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County held a meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Tuesday evening, March 11, 1958 and it was attended by the following persons:

1 - San Francisco (100-21286)  
cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KELLON)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

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[redacted]

SF 100-21286  
RFS/JV

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
JACK JILBERT  
EVANGELINE KEYLOR

"HOWARD KEYLOR stayed home with the KEYLOR children for the evening and HOWARD THOMPSON acted as Chairman for the meeting. LULU MAE THOMPSON made a report on the last District meeting and the Club decided that they thought the resolution submitted to the National Committee by Northern California was the best document, but they also felt that it was best to follow MICKIE'S suggestion because nothing could be gained by splitting with the National Committee.

"The Club decided to accept the suggested quota of \$150.00 for the "People's World" Fund Drive.

"JACK JILBERT asked EVANGELINE KEYLOR to read a portion of the article in the December issue of Political Affairs by JACKSON on the South. This was followed by a brief discussion period on the article.

"The next meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, March 26th.

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"/s/

The informant was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/14/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/25/58

FROM : SA Robert F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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Dates of Contact 2/24/58; 3/3,6,14, 24/58

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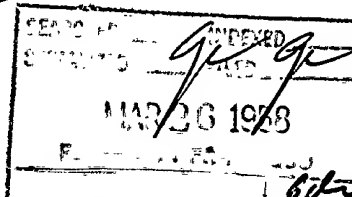
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Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative☒ Positive 2/24/58; 3/3,6,14, 24/58

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☒ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

3/27/53

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

COMMUNIST PARTY  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on March 4, 1953, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated March 3, 1953, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County CP held at Lathrop, California, on February 26, 1953. The report is set forth as follows and the original is filed in [redacted]

"The San Joaquin County Club of the Communist Party held a meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Wednesday evening, February 26, 1953 and it was attended by the following:

HOWARD KEYLOR  
HOWARD & LULU MAE THOMPSON  
JACK JILBERT

"The club was supposed to hold election of officers, but EVANGELINE KEYLOR was sick and not able to be present, so the election was postponed until the next meeting.

"The meeting was opened by reports and discussion on the Right to work law and activities in the Democratic Party Clubs. HOWARD KEYLOR reported that he had been unable to get out of being Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for the Democratic Party District meeting which was held in Stockton on Saturday, March 1, 1953.

6 San Francisco

100-21286

[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)

100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

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*Handwritten initials and signature:*  
J. F.  
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[redacted]

"After the general discussions, JACK JILBERT conducted an 'educational' based on JAMES JACKSON'S article in Political Affairs, 'The South's New Challenge'. The study will be continued at the next Club meeting and JACK JILBERT was instructed by the Club to send for ten copies of the article which has been issued in pamphlet form for distribution.

"The next meeting was set for Wednesday evening, March 12th, at the THOMPSON home unless JACK JILBERT finds he will be unable to be present at that time.

"S/ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on March 4, 1958, and could furnish no additional information.

Action recommended - File.

CITY San Francisco, California

DATE

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

Signed: Robert F. Savage

Special Agent

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Authority (Date) SFlet 1-13-58

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Informant's File No.



OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26388) DATE: 3/26/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, ACTIVITIES, STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IS-C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/14/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/10/58, concerns a meeting of the Stanislaus County CP held at Merced, California on 3/9/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
March 10, 1958

"On Sunday, March 9, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON went to the home of HARRIET and PHIL DAVIS in Empire at 3:00 PM to attend a meeting of the Stanislaus County Club of the Communist Party. When they arrived, they were told that the meeting would be held at the home of the ERNEST GURR'S in Merced, but they would have to wait for DELMER BERG to arrive

1 - San Francisco (100-26388)

cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-30040 (HARRIET DAVIS)  
100-30046 (PHIL DAVIS)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-40329 (BETHA GURR)  
100-32523 (ERNEST GURR)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

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before leaving. DEL arrived at about 3:15 and the five people left in his car for the trip to GURR'S. When they arrived, the GURR'S had prepared a dinner for them.

"After dinner, LULU MAE THOMPSON gave a report on the last District Committee meeting which dealt with the last meeting of the National Committee. The members of the Stanislaus County Club stated they felt the position taken by MICKIE LIMA on the Dennis Resolution was the proper one.

"The Stanislaus County Club took the suggested quota of \$200.00 for the "People's World" Fund Drive and MR. GURR donated \$20.00. He then told LULU MAE THOMPSON that the promissory note for \$500.00 which she had delivered to his home in the summer of 1957 for the paper at the request of RUDIE LAMBERT was unnecessary since he had considered the money as an outright donation. He then gave LULU MAE the note to return to the paper.

"HOWARD THOMPSON then gave a report on the Western District Labor Conference which was held in Berkeley on February 1, 1958.

"HARRIET DAVIS told LULU MAE THOMPSON on the ride to Merced that she thought the "affair" between PHIL and LEORA CHASTAIN was over. When everybody was back at the DAVIS' HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON had returned to their car when DAVIS appeared and tried to discuss the situation in an argumentive manner with the THOMPSONS, but HARRIET came over to the car and that ended the discussion.

"/s/

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The informant was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/14/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
IS - C

Date: 3-31-58

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/4/58 by [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 3/3/58, concerns a meeting of the CP Northern District of California Committee held in San Francisco, California on 3/2/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

## THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
March 3, 1958

A meeting of the Northern California District Committee of the Communist Party was held in San Francisco on Sunday, March 2, 1958 in the offices of the People's World. Those present at the meeting were:

Archie Brown  
Al Richmond  
Merle Brotsky  
Louise Todd  
Elizabeth Nicolaus  
Joe Morris

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CC:

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97-26 (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN)  
100-36248 (JOE FIGUERIDO)  
100-22198 (FRANCIS FINK)  
100-30116 (MIKE FREIDEN)  
100-6692 (LYNN CHILDS)  
100-1418 (ELIZABETH NICHOLAS)  
100-2884 (LOUISE TODD)  
100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)  
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)  
61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)  
100-5867 (JOE MORRIS)  
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
100-34322 (STEVE CHARNESKI)  
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)  
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100-3717 (CP PARTY LINE)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
100-43478 (NAT'L COMM. VIEWPOINTS)  
100-25539 (CP BRIEF)  
(LEON KAPLAN)  
(CELESTE STRACK KAPLAN)  
3 cc: LOS ANGELES (Reg.)  
100-16828 (CP FRESNO CO.)  
100-28272 (FRANK GEORGE)  
(CP, USA, S. DIST. OF CALIF.)

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Lynne Childs  
Mike Frieden  
Fran Fink  
Joe Figueiredo  
Bill Schneiderman  
Mickie Lima  
Lulu Mae Thompson  
Howard Thompson (attended the meeting as an "observer")

Preceding the opening of the meeting, Lulu Mae Thompson told Mickie Lima that Frank George had called at her home and told her that his Club had passed a motion bringing various charges against him. Mickie told her to wait and see if the Club notified her that they were actually bringing charges against him. She also told Mickie that the person (Steve Charnaskey, who had requested membership in the San Joaquin County Club had signed the Levering Act loyalty oath. Lima stated that this oath was in several forms, but in most cases, it was best not to take chances on anyone becoming or being a member who signs such an oath.

The meeting opened at about 10:30 AM and Mickie Lima gave a report on the last meeting of the National executive Committee and the National Committee. These meetings were held in New York on February 14, 15 and 16th, with a meeting of the newly elected National Executive Committee held on Monday, February, 17th.

Lima reported he had sent the Northern California resolution to the National Sub-committee and they had added a few paragraphs to it and were prepared to submit it to the National Executive Committee as their report, but Dennis refused to accept it and presented a substitute motion. Both documents were presented to the National Committee and the Dennis Document was accepted by a majority vote of one. During the debate on the above motions, a resolution on John Gates was introduced and was adopted. A motion was passed unanimously to dissolve the National Administrative Committee and the National Executive Committee.

It was then voted to elect a National Executive Committee of fifteen members (an election committee of five was elected to nominate and conduct procedures for this election). It was voted to have a Resident Board of seven members to meet weekly and empowered to make political decisions between meetings of the National Executive Committee. The election sub-committee consisted of Dennis, Ben Davis, Burt Nelson, Kushner (?) and one other.

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A move was made to consider the question of the Chicago move before electing leadership because a different group would come under consideration if the move were made, but a motion to elect leadership first carried by a vote of 27 to 26.

There were nominations from the sub-committee and from the floor and there were several declinations and it finally ended with the following nine being elected and six more will be elected at the next meeting of the National Committee. There were 57 voting.

Ben Davis	37 votes
Eugene Dennis	37 votes
Elizabeth Flynn	52
James Jackson	46
Mickie Lima	53
Hy Lumer	46
George Meyers	53
Jack Stachel	41
Robert Thompson	33

A motion was passed by the National Committee stating they felt the article in the Russina paper, the "Kommunist", was inaccurate in its statement and characterization of Bill Schneiderman and A.B. Magil as revisionists.

Mickie further reported that he felt we should "go along" with the Dennis resolution, since it stated it is based on the 16th Convention, and Northern California should base its work on this, especially in regards to the Right to Work fight, unemployment and the elections; we should gather our forces to explore program, policy and theory and seek forces outside the Party to work on program; we should bar the "New York policy" and factional tendencies in California (these tendencies are now showing themselves in the circulation of the Indiana document and an article by Cappy and Celeste-Caplan and Carlson-); the District Committee and County Committees should become centers for establishing and adopting policies to be taken out to the areas; we should reorganize the District Committee and add to the District Staff, provide for weekly meetings of the Staff and divide the responsibility.

This report was followed by a report by Bill Schneiderman. His report was about the same, but he said he did not feel we should go along with the Dennis resolution. He said the only hope is to try to carry out the convention decisions in California and to try to keep the "poison" out by telling the National leadership to stay out of California and to leave us alone.

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Al Richmond seemed to stand about half way between Lima and Schneiderman in his report except he was very strong in his demands that we keep the New York leadership out of California.

In the debate on these reports which was taken up following lunch, the following district Committee members seemed to side with Mickie Lima; Joe Morris, Joe Figueiredo, Fran Fink, Archie Brown, Lynn Childs, Elizabeth Nicolaus. It was not clear just what stand the balance of the Committee would take. They seemed to be arguing both side of the question in their own minds at the time.

Another meeting of the District Committee will be held in the same place on Friday evening, March 14th. The members of the National Committee from the District will present proposals on the Dennis resolution for action at that time.

Most of the District Committee members left about 4:30 PM. Al Richmond gave a brief report on the paper's status (copy enclosed) to those remaining and following are some of the suggested quotas for the Fund Drive which will be held from April 15th to July 15th:

San Joaquin County	\$150.00
Fresno	400.00
Sacramento	300.00
Stanislaus	200.00
Lindsay	200.00
Butte-Yuba	250.00

Fran Fink suggested a memo on the Trinity Partnership on Water and Power be sent to the Clubs as a basis for study and this was agreed to. The meeting adjourned at about 5:00 PM.

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was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/4/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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"The District meeting has had to be delayed until Friday April 11th because of a conflict of dates with SF County on the earlier date. The place will be the FBI and the time 3 P.M. "

Just to remind you of the date of Sat, April 25th. I hope that you can round up some of the labor papers from as much of your area as possible and go over them -- bring them along so that we can get a picture of how the campaign is going up your way. II, "

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 100-25350 (OF STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
 65-1242 (LIGAND LINE)  
 100-25347 (OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC,

DATE: 4/21/58

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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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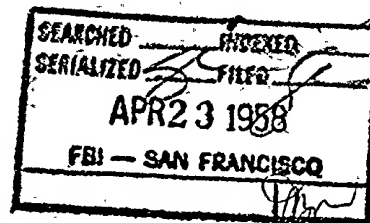
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CP San Joaquin County	100-21286
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Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI,

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Signed:

*Robert F. Savage*  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet. 1-13-58

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*W.B.*  
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*[Signature]*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM.....UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) MAY 5 1958  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
Northern District of California  
IS-C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/16/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report dated 4/15/58 concerns a meeting of the Communist Party, Northern District California Committee held on 4/13/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

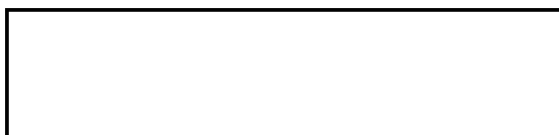
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65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
100-4987 (MATT CRAWFORD)  
100-25215 (ROSCOE PROCTOR)  
100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)  
100-5867 (MORRIS GRAHAM)  
100-27346 (KEN HOWARD)  
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100-6692 (MIKE FRIEDEN)  
61-409 (RUDIE LAMBERT)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
61- (WALTER STACK) 61-525  
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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
April 15, 1958

"The Northern California District Committee of the Communist Party held a meeting in the offices of the People's World in San Francisco on Sunday evening, April 13, 1958. Those present at the meeting were:

ELIZABETH NICOLAS  
FRAN FINK  
JOE FIGEIREDO  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
AL RICHMOND  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
KEN HOWARD  
JOE MORRIS  
MERLE BROTSKY  
ROSS PROCTOR  
MATT CRAWFORD  
MICKIE LIMA  
HOWARD THOMPSON (observer)  
VENUS THOMPSON  
LYNNE CHILDS  
GEORGE SANDY (new business and circulation manager  
of the paper)

"Before the meeting opened, the THOMPSONS checked with GEORGE SANDY to see if the money LULU MAE THOMPSON had turned over to LYNNE CHILDS on March 15, 1958 for the paper had been credited to the proper counties. Everything was in order.

"The meeting was called to order at about 7:15 p.m. by MICKIE LIMA and he stated the agenda for the meeting would have to cover three points: personnel of the District Committee, the adoption of a statement for release on the recent resignations from the Party and a proposed District Conference.

"Four of the person who had signed the recent letter of resignation were members of the Northern California District Committee and MERLE BROTSKY said that MIKE FRIEDEN had announced to his club that he is resigning, so the District Committee is short five members. MICKIE stated that two of those who resigned were elected by the District convention and their places could be filled by the District Committee, according to the Constitution.

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The others will have to be chosen by election in the Sections concerned. MICKIE suggested that AL RICHMOND be selected for the District Committee to fill one of the vacancies and the other be left open for further consideration. All present agreed to this.

"According to MICKIE, rumors of the recent mass resignations had come to his attention so he called a meeting of the Staff and they had formulated a statement for release. It was circulated in the Bay Area and it met with a great deal of disapproval so MICKIE had recalled it. MICKIE had prepared another statement which he read to the District Committee for their discussion and comments. After he read the statement, there were several questions on the document of resignation. In answer to one of the questions, MICKIE stated that RUDIE LAMBERT had visited him at his home a day or two before and RUDIE had stated that he had not resigned from the Party in spite of the rumors being circulated to that effect.

"When MICKIE entered into the discussion on the statement he had prepared, he stated that he had attended a meeting of one of the Clubs in San Francisco during the past week. One of the members of the "Ultra-left" group which, according to MICKIE and BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, is a well organized group which is planning on throwing out the present leadership and taking over, was present at this meeting. MICKIE said this person made the statement that there is no way to have a peaceful transition to socialism in the United States and it must be gained by a revolution.

"All of the District Committee members who were present strongly disagreed with the statement prepared by MICKIE on the resignations on the basis that it was suggestive of "name calling". MERLE BROTSKY, AL RICHMOND, LYNNIE CHILDS, MICKIE LIMA and MATT CRAWFORD were appointed to prepare another statement. It was agreed that if this committee could come to a unanimous agreement on a statement it is to be released, otherwise a special meeting of the District Committee will be called to try to reach a decision.

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"MICKIE stated that he felt a delegated District Conference should be called to be held in about sixty days, the purpose being to set up a more effective District Center. This would also facilitate the election of new District Committee members to replace those who resigned and a set of by-laws could be adopted at this same time. He suggested that the Staff serve as the arrangements committee. He appointed a committee to propose changes in the present organizational set up. Those who will serve on this committee are: MERLE BROTSKY, JOE MORRIS, KEN HOWARD, MICKIE LIMA, and FRAN FINK.

The District Committee will meet again on Friday, evening May 9, 1958 in the offices of the People's World.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on 4/16/58 orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE that MICKIE LIMA on 4/13/58 indicated that WALTER STACK is one of the leaders of the Leftist Club of the Communist Party. LIMA stated in the Communist Party Northern District Committee meeting on 4/13/58 that he had attended a meeting of the Communist Party Leftist Club and that they talked like the Smith Act defendants had been accused of talking with regard to revolution. Informant advised that MICKIE LIMA, in response to the question to why BILL SENNETT's name had been on the list of resignations, stated that he appears to be the leader of the Wrightist Club.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: MAY 9 1958

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE ON 4/25/58, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 4/22/58, concerns a meeting of CP Valley Section held on 4/20/58, at Lathrop, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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The informant can testify to the following:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
April 22, 1958

"A meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, April 20, 1958. It was an all day meeting and was attended by the following persons:

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100-35873 (CHECK WILLIAMS)  
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100-16827 (CP TULARE CO.)  
100-28272 (CP FRANK GEORGE)

100-28425 (LEILA ROLAND)  
100-27348 (BARNEY DEVETO)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
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100-25687 (CP SECURITY)  
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100-36363 (CP SUTTER CO.)  
100-31414 (CP YUBA CO.)  
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN  
CO.)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS CO.)  
100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)

23- San Francisco  
[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-32000 (MARIE GORIN)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

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"GEORGE SANDY, business & circulation manager of the PW  
HOWARD KEYLOR  
CHUCK WILLIAMS  
BARNEY DE VETO  
LELIA NOLAND  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
DELMER BERG  
MARIE GORIN  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
NADINE SMITH  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
DELLA BALLARD  
FRANK GEORGE  
JIM BALLARD  
JACK JILBERT

"The Executive Board met at about 10:30 and formulated an agenda for the meeting. They also discussed what procedure should be followed in hearing the charges which the club in Fresno is bringing against FRANK GEORGE. No decision was reached in this session and it was decided that a further meeting of this group would be held at noon time because it was expected that MICKIE LIMA would have arrived by that time.

"The morning session of the meeting was devoted to a report from GEORGE SANDY on the People's World and the fund drive which is to be held from now until July 15, 1958. Following his report, the Clubs represented accepted their quotas with the exception of Sacramento and Wheatland. They stated they would have to discuss it with their members. CHUCK WILLIAMS announced that the he had loaned the paper \$200.00 at one time and he said he would like to cancel this note. SANDY also announced that the paper is getting out a "flyer" on the Right to Work measure and that it would be ready for distribution on May 5th. Several of the Clubs represented gave him orders ranging from 200 copies to 1000.

"The final item covered before lunch was a report on the meeting of the Sub-committee fo the District Committee on the Right to Work Law. This report was made by HOWARD THOMPSON and was supplemented by DELMER BERG. Reports were then heard from the other areas on how they are assisting the Unions in this fight.

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"During lunch time the Executive Board met again to try to reach a decision on how to hear the charges that are being preferred against FRANK GEORGE. It was decided to bring the matter before the Section meeting to reach a final decision, so after the meeting was again called to order, LULU MAE THOMPSON, the Chairman, explained the situation to the body and they came to the conclusion that the Executive Board, with the exception of FRANK GEORGE, would be empowered to act as an Appeals Board and hear the charges and try to reach a decision. A date was set for the hearing to be held at the THOMPSON's home on May 4, 1958. Those hearing the charges will be MARIE GORIN, DELMER BERG, LILLIAN RANSOME and LULU MAE THOMPSON. A request was made that all those preferring the charges and FRANK GEORGE try to be present.

"There was a brief discussion of the elections and GEORGE SANDY stated that he thought that it would be a good idea if some meetings could be set up for HOLLAND ROBERTS in the area, because, so far, the only activity around his campaign is in the heavy population areas.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON gave a report on the recent mass resignations from the Party and a resume of the last meeting of the District Committee. She announced that a delegated conference will be held in about 60 days to consider reorganization of the District and she proposed that a committee be appointed from the Section to make suggestions to the sub-committee of the District which is to make proposals on the reorganization. This idea was accepted and the Section delegates from San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties were appointed to assemble the suggestions from the Clubs in the Section and to put then in order to turn over to the District. The Section also voted to suggest to the District Sub-Committee that a Vice-Chairman of the District be elected to serve and preside at District Committee meetings in the event the Chairman could not be present and that the District Committee establish at least one definite meeting date a month.

"The date set for the next meeting of the Section was Sunday, July 20th at the THOMPSON home.


"The meeting adjourned at about 3:45 PM.



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 was thoroughly interviewed by SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/28/58, and could furnish no additional  
information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) DATE: 5/7/58

FROM : SA WILLIAM G. CARPENTER

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed.	4/20/58	4/25/58	Writer	[redacted]

The following report was received orally from [redacted] by SA WILLIAM G. CARPENTER on 4/21/58, and was made into a typewritten report form by SA CARPENTER on 4/21/58, and read and signed by [redacted] on 4/25/58:

cc: [redacted]

100-28272 (F. GEORGE)	[redacted]	11 - San Francisco (RM)
100-22798 (J. BALLARD) (SI)	[redacted]	(SAN JOAQUIN SECTION,
100-35872 (C. WILLIAMS) (SI)	<i>Howard D. Thompson</i>	100-
100-31187 (D. BALLARD) (SI)	<i>100-0-27836</i>	(LULA MAE THOMPSON)
100-35866 (A. WIDGREN) (RCI)	<i>Howard Eugene Thompson</i>	(HOWARD THOMPSON)
100-34321 (C. MARGOSIAN) (SI)	<i>100-0-27836</i>	(LILLIAN RANSOM,
100-16827 (TULARE CP)		SF 100-31391)
		(BARNEY DEVETO, SF 100-
		27348)
		("PEOPLES WORLD")
		(MARIE, LNU)
		(GEORGE SANDY)
		(LEILA NOLAN, phonetic)
		(HOWARD KAYLOR)
		(DELL, LNU)

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"April 21, 1958  
Fresno, California

"I attended a meeting of the San Joaquin Section, Northern District, State of California Communist Party on April 20, 1958 at the home of LULU MAE THOMPSON, Lathrop, California.

"The Executive Committee of the San Joaquin Section met from 10:30 am to 11:00 am in the bedroom of LULU MAE's home to plan the agenda. The Executive Committee consisted of FRANK GEORGE, DELL, whose last name I do not remember, from Modesto, LULU MAE THOMPSON, LILLIAN RANSOM, and MARIE, whose last name I do not remember, but who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the San Joaquin Section. The Executive Committee again met alone in the bedroom from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

"The regular meeting, which included the above Executive Committee members, also consisted of the following individuals:

"JIM and DELLA BALLARD, and CHUCK WILLIAMS from the Tulare County Communist Party, and NADINE SMITH, from the Fresno County Communist Party. These individuals came to the meeting together and arrived at the home of LULU MAE THOMPSON at about 10:00 am.

"HOWARD THOMPSON, husband of LULU MAE.

"GEORGE SANDY, from the office of the 'Peoples World,' and the individual who took the place of LEO BARROWAY on the staff.

"HOWARD KAYLOR (phonetic), about 30 years of age, possibly 35, crew-cut, blond hair, wearing horn-rim glasses.

"LEILA NOLAN, phonetic, who, LULU MAE and JIM BALLARD mentioned that they had not seen in six years. LEILA said that it would not be six years until they would see her again.

"BARNEY, whose last name I do not remember.

"JACK JILBERT.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON chaired the meeting. She introduced GEORGE SANDY who spoke concerning the 'Peoples World'. SANDY stated that the quota of the San Joaquin Section is \$1,760.00. SANDY made mention of the quota of each of the Clubs within the

section. He stated that the quota for the Fresno County Communist Party is \$400.00, that the members, themselves, wish the quota to be \$500.00, but that he will leave it at \$400.00. He reported that many individuals have made known their desire to have their 'Peoples World' loans repaid. He also said that there were loans amounting to \$700.00 cancelled during the month of March, 1958. He said that it is more important to have people buy their subscriptions than to have them given to them as the person is then more interested.

"SANDY further said that ARMAS WIDGREN, CHARLES MARGOSIAN, and FRANK GEORGE, of the Fresno area desire to have their loans repaid, and that if the people in the Fresno area want their money returned the amount will exceed their quota. SANDY advised NADINE SMITH during the lunch period that he would like to attend the 'Peoples World' fund drive meeting in Fresno during May, 1958 and talk personally with WIDGREN, MARGOSIAN, and the other individuals present. During the noon hour, JIM BALLARD and SANDY discussed a 'Peoples World' fund drive in the Tulare area, and BALLARD thought that it would be a good idea to have a fund raising meeting on Friday, May 9, 1958. SANDY and NADINE SMITH talked of the fund raising meeting in the Fresno area on Sunday, May 11, 1958. SANDY said that he would attend the meeting in Tulare on Friday, and also the meeting in Fresno on the following Sunday.

"The Executive Committee again met in the bedroom apart from the others from 2:00 to 2:30 pm to discuss the case of FRANK GEORGE. NADINE SMITH was asked to join this meeting. She was asked whether she had the letter containing the charges against GEORGE and she replied in the negative. It was decided that the Fresno group would present the letter setting formally the charges against FRANK GEORGE at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Section on May 4, 1958. If no decision can be reached by this Committee or if it requires further action, the letter will then be forwarded to the Northern District of the Communist Party, State of California, through proper channels.

"During the afternoon meeting it was further decided that the Executive Committee of the Section should handle FRANK GEORGE's case.

"MARIE \_\_\_\_\_ gave a report on dues. She advised that the treasury of the San Joaquin Section consists of \$98.84.

"The campaign concerning HOLLAND ROBERTS in the San Francisco area was discussed. It was stated that he is

running for the California State Superintendent for Public Instruction. It was requested that all groups write to the headquarters of HOLLAND ROBERTS in San Francisco for information.

"LULU MAE reported that MICKEY LIMA was unable to attend. She read a mass resignation letter containing the names of many individuals from the Northern and the Southern Districts of the California Communist Party. LULU stated that the mass resignations was the result of a lack of leadership within the Party, and that a new program was needed to put new life into the Party. No specific reason was given in the letter for the resignation of these individuals, however.

"LULU MAE stated that a Vice-Chairman and a sub-committee would be needed within the San Joaquin Section to continue activity of the Section in the event that she and other sub-committee members could not be present or available. She stated that this can be handled by groups other than Fresno and Tulare in view of their distance.

"LULU MAE stated that the next Section meeting will be held at her home on July 20, 1958, and that on May 23, 1958 she will come to Fresno to attend a joint meeting of the Fresno and Tulare groups of the Communist Party."

Informant was thoroughly interviewed, and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI,

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for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed:

*Robert F. Savage*  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 1-13-58

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TO : SAC 

DATE: 5/22/58

FROM : SA Robert F. Savage

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. ☒ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

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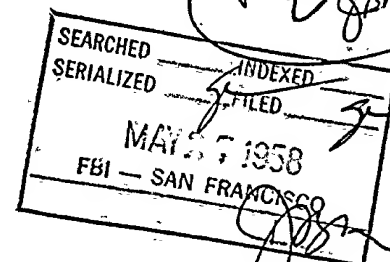
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CP, USA, NDC 100-11889  
CP San Joaquin Co. 100-21286

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

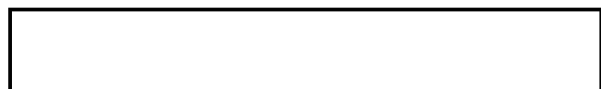
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

DATE: June 3, 1958

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS-C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on May 14, 1958 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated May 12, 1958, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Stockton, California on May 9, 1958. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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## THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
May 12, 1958

"The Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County met at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Friday evening, May 9, 1958 and the following were present:

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

"HOWARD KEYLOR opened the meeting at about 8:30 PM and asked LULU MAE THOMPSON for a report on the hearing which had been held on the charges against FRANK GEORGE of Fresno. She had just started her report when a man came to the house and asked HOWARD KEYLOR to work for him that night. Since KEYLOR has had hardly any work this spring, he felt he should take it. The THOMPSONS stayed for a while and visited with EVANGELINE.

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cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100- (FRANK GEORGE)

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"There was no date set for another meeting.

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on May 21, 1958 and could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)      DATE: JUN 3 1958

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on May 7, 1958 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated May 6, 1958, concerns a meeting of the CP Valley Section held at Lathrop, California on May 4, 1958. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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## THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
May 6, 1958

"On Sunday afternoon, May 4, 1958, the Executive Board of the Sacramento-SanJoaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party met as a Appeals Board to hear the Charges brought against FRANK GEORGE of Fresno by his Club. The meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home and the following people were present for the hearing:

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[redacted] SF 1604-S)  
100-27348 (BERNARD DEVETO)  
100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)  
100-32000 (MARIE GORIN)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)  
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
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cc:

5 - Los Angeles (REG.)  
[redacted]  
100-28272 (FRANK GEORGE)  
100-16828 (FRESNO CP)  
100-48482 (BUD DILLON)  
100-26179 (RITA HALPERN)

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"LULU MAE THOMPSON  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
MARIE GORIN  
DEIMER BERG  
BUD DILLON  
NADINE SMITH  
FRANK GEORGE.

"BARNEY DE VETO came also but since he is not a member of the Executive Board he could not sit in on the hearing, so he and HOWARD THOMPSON spent the afternoon working in the back yard.

"The Executive Board met at about 1:30 PM and read the charges against FRANK. There was a typewritten sheet signed by HASKELL SMITH acting as Club Chairman and presenting the charges from the Club and a handwritten letter signed by RITA HALPERN in which she substantiated the charges of the Club and added some of her own. The Club charges were that FRANK GEORGE is arrogant, egoistic and domineering and RITA HALPERN added the charges of his being dictatorial, argumentative, stubborn, irascible and stubborn. She also charged that he is in the habit of talking about Party affairs in public places, that he is very tight and that his treatment of her and her family "smacks of anti-semitism."

"After reading the charges the Board decided to hear the charges as presented by NADINE and BUD DILLON. They talked to NADINE first and asked her several questions. Her testimony bore out the charges in the letters and this was also the case with BUD DILLON. The Board then discussed how to continue with the hearing and decided to read the charges to FRANK GEORGE in the presence of the others and then give him an opportunity to reply to them before the Board alone if he so desired. After reading of the charges, he decided that he would answer to them before NADINE and BUD and asked that he be permitted to ask pertinent questions of them. This was allowed. After a thorough discussion of the charges the Executive Board retired to consider the verdict.

"The Board came to the conclusion that GEORGE was guilty of being argumentative and disruptive without a


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doubt, but that the other charges were not so serious, but his general attitude aggravated those concerned to the point that these conditions were becoming unbearable. The Board tried to give an unbiased opinion, but immediately following the presentation of their verdict, FRANK GEORGE presented a written statement to MARIE GORIN, appealing the decision of the Board on the grounds that the Board was partial. This appeal will be given to the Northern District Chairman, MICKIE LIMA, for further action.

"This meeting adjourned at about 5:30 PM.



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 was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on May 13, 1958 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)      DATE: 6/6/58

FROM: SA KENNETH F. MOORE

SUBJECT: CP - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT  
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DOCUMENTATION

[ ] Northern 4/15/58 SA K. F. [ ]  
California MOORE  
District  
Committee  
meeting of  
CP held at  
PW, 81  
Clementina St.,  
4/13/58.

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Set forth verbatim is a report by [ ]

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cc: [ ]

65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)  
100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)  
100-27346 (KEN HOWARD)

[ ] (SF 1604-S)  
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)  
100-4987 (MATT CRAWFORD)  
97-26 (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN)  
100-30116 (LYNN CHILDS)  
100-36248 (JOE FIGUREIDO)  
100-5867 (JOE GRAHAM)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
100-25437 (CP POL. ACTIVITIES)  
100-25539 (CP BRIEF)  
100-27791 (CP FACTIONALISM)  
100- (UNSUB WOMAN)  
100-25215 (ROSCOE PROCTOR)

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San Francisco, California  
April 15, 1958

Subject: Northern California District Committee meeting  
of the Communist Party held at the People's  
World, 81 Clementina.

Date: April 13, 1958

Present: MICKEY LIMA, Chairman  
MERLE BRODSKY  
KEN HOWARD  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
Mr. THOMPSON (sat to side, did not participate  
in discussion)  
AL RICHMOND  
MATT CRAWFORD  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
LYNN CHILDS  
JOE FIGUREIDO  
JOE GRAHAM  
GEORGE SANDY (from PW)  
VENUS THOMPSON  
Woman in her 60s  
Negro fellow from across the Bay (ROSCOE PROCTOR)

The meeting centered around a statement that the Executive Committee of the District Committee had prepared in regard to the resignation of top leaders. The majority of the remarks made in the discussions were opposing any type of a statement that characterized these Party people.

It was stated strongly by MERLE BRODSKY that this statement should deal with political differences at hand and not name-slinging or characterizations of individuals.

However, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, JOE FIGUREIDO and MICKEY LIMA felt that the District Committee had a greater responsibility and that a statement should be made against this method of resigning from the Party.

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During the hassle it was finally agreed that a sub-committee be appointed, namely AL RICHMOND, MECKY LIMA, MERLE BRODSKY, MATT CRAWFORD, and LYNN CHILDS, for the purpose of drawing up a statement incorporating the majority of the views expressed at the meeting and that the committee be empowered to finalize and submit the statement after majority vote of the committee had been taken.

This system was enacted for the purpose of having a statement ready in time for the San Francisco County Committee meeting on Friday.

The next meeting of the District Committee was set for Friday, May 9, 1958, at the People's World Office.

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 was thoroughly questioned concerning the above, but could furnish no additional pertinent information.

RECOMMENDATION: Route copy for UNSUB woman to SA MOORE for further information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 6/9/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 5/21/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 5/19/58, concerns a meeting of the CP Northern California District Committee held at San Francisco, California, on 5/16/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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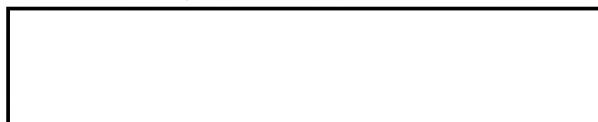
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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
May 19, 1958

- 1 - Chicago (REG.) (INFO)
  - 3 - Los Angeles (REG.)
    - (1 - 100-16828 - CP FRESNO CO.)
    - (1 - 100-28272 - FRANK GEORGE,  
CHARLENE [redacted])
  - 2 - New York (REG.)
    - (1 - ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
    - (1 - JAMES JACKSON)
  - 23 - San Francisco (100-11889)
    - (1 - [redacted] SF 1604-S)
    - (1 - [redacted])
    - (1 - 97-27 - PW)
    - (1 - 65-1242 - MICKIE LIMA)
    - (1 - 100-6609 - GEORGE SANDY)
    - (1 - 100-36248 - JOE FIGUERIDO)
    - (1 - 100-22198 - FRAN FINK)
    - (1 - 100-5867 - JOE MORRIS)
    - (1 - 100-27346 - KEN HOWARD)
    - (1 - 97-26 - WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)
    - (1 - 100-21889 - MERLE BRODSKY)
    - (1 - 100-4987 - MATT CRAWFORD)
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- (1 - 61-398 - ARCHIE BROWN)
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- (1 - 100-25539 - CP BRIEF)
- (1 - 100-9720 - NEGRO QUES'
- (1 - 29490 - MIRA MORKOWSKI)





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"The District Committee of the Northern California Communist Party held a meeting on Friday evening, May 16, 1958 in the offices of the People's World. The following people were present for the meeting:

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN  
MICKIE LIMA  
GEORGE SANDY  
JOE FIGUEIREDO  
FRAN FINK  
JOE MORRIS  
KEN HOWARD  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
MERLE BROTSKY  
MATT CRAWFORD  
ROSCOE PROCTOR  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
ARCHIE BROWN  
AL RICHMOND  
HOWARD C. THOMPSON (Did not participate  
in the meeting)

"MICKIE opened the meeting at about 8:30 PM and asked GEORGE SANDY to make a report on the People's World Fund Drive. SANDY reported that at 4:00 PM that day the drive stood at 25.4% of the goal. He stated that San Francisco and Washington were really carrying the load and that Los Angeles so far has hardly begun to move on the drive. San Francisco is lagging way behind on their renewals. In March they had 86 subscriptions that ran out and only 12 of these renewed. He reported that they had printed 50,000 of the Right to Work supplement and they only had 5000 left and 1000 of those had been ordered by the AF of L in San Francisco and had not been picked up yet.

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"MICKIE proposed that a committee of one representative from San Francisco, East Bay, Santa Clara and Marin be made up to plan some project for Northern California such as a large party or picnic and also to co-ordinate the drive in this area. This idea was accepted.

"Next MICKIE made a report on the National Executive Board meeting that he had attended the previous week end in New York. He stated that a committee of 16 had been appointed to formulate an analytical outline of program for the Party to be presented to the Party as a whole for discussion. AL RICHMOND, PETTIS PERRY and CHARLENE of Southern California were some of those appointed to this committee. Several of those on the committee are not members of the National Committee. MICKIE stated that he expected to get mimeographed copies of the full report as it was given at the meeting and he would see that it was circulated to the members of the District Committee before the next meeting so it could be studied and discussed prior to the next meeting of the National Committee which will take place the week-end of June 27, 28, and 29th in New York.

"MICKIE then reported that JIM JACKSON had made a "spur of the moment" report to the National Executive Committee on the Negro Question. It appeared that the reason for the hastily prepared report, according to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, was that there is a serious disagreement among the Negro members of the Party on the question of re-establishing the theory of a Negro nation and a document released by HEYWOOD has caused a definite split in conferences on Negro Work in Chicago and New York. This limited report which was presented by JACKSON was to indicate the line of the proposed report to the National Negro Commission and to the National Committee. MICKIE requested that

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the full report be submitted to the California Districts for discussion prior to submission and this was conceded. After the draft has been presented to the National Committee it will be submitted to the areas for discussion and then will be presented to a National Negro Conference in the fall.

"MICKIE reported that ROSCOE PROCTOR had written a very good article on the Negro question and had submitted it to the editor of Political Affairs for use in Political Affairs. MICKIE stated it had been accepted at first and then it just had not been printed, and had finally been returned. The District Committee voted to request of the National Committee that the article be carried in Political Affairs and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that she would personally speak to APHTHEKER about the article.

"ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN then spoke to the committee and she stated that she had enjoyed her visit to the Pacific Coast and she wanted the Committee to know that they had made a direct contribution toward improving conditions in the Party and particularly to breaking down the prejudices in the National Committee and that the atmosphere in the National Executive Committee meetings is definitely improved.

"It was decided that the Staff will meet on Friday 13, 1958 to formulate an outline of plans for the District Conference which is planned. This outline will be presented to a full meeting of the District Committee on Sunday, June 15th, in the offices of the paper. Any District Committee members from the East Bay and San Francisco who wish may attend the Friday the 13th meeting.

"MICKIE stated that San Francisco County was holding a very important meeting on Friday night, June 6th, and he felt that he would have to attend and so he had asked the Southern California members of the

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State CO-ordinating Committee to come North for the  
Scheduled meeting of that Committee on that week-end.

"Preceding this meeting, LULU MAE THOMPSON had turned over to MICKIE LIMA the papers relating to the charges against FRANK GEORGE of Fresno. She also asked MICKIE about a contact for MIRA MARKOWSKY and he stated that he would be up in the area of St. Helena during the next week and he would get a name for her and turn it over to LULU MAE. He also gave LULU MAE Several copies of a new dues reporting form (Copy enclosed).

/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on May 26, 1958 and could furnish no additional information.

Action: File.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-29490)

6/9/58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

MIRA MARKOWSKI  
SM - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 5/21/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 5/19/58, concerns CP activities of the Subject. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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- The informant can testify to the following:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
May 19, 1958

"On Wednesday, May 14, 1958, LEILA NOLAND brought MIRA MARKOWSKY to the HOWARD THOMPSON home for lunch. They arrived at about 11:15 and left at about 2:30 PM. After lunch when LEILA, MIRA and LULU MAE THOMPSON were visiting, MIRA said that her next job would be at Etna Springs, near St. Helena, and she stated that she would appreciate it if LULU MAE would try to get the name of some Party member in that area for her since she would like to have a contact up there. LULU MAE said she would ask HICKIE and then give the name to LEILA to be sent to her.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 5/26/58 that HICKIE LIMA is going to establish a contact for the Subject with a CP representative in the Sonoma County

- (7) - San Francisco (100-29490)  
(1) - [redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
(1) - [redacted]  
(1) - 100-28425 - LEILA NOLAND)  
(1) - 65-1242 - HICKIE LIMA)  
(1) - 100-21286 - CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
(1) - 100-26361 - CP SONOMA COUNTY)

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CP and that the name of this contact will be furnished to LULU MAE THOMPSON, CP Valley Section Chairman, to be turned over to the Subject. Informant advised that LEILA NOLAND and HOWARD THOMPSON are members of the San Joaquin County CP.

ACTION: Route to SA M.R. ADMAS for information.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 6/9/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT  
OF CALIFORNIA  
IS - C

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 5/26/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 5/25/58, concerns a meeting of the Fresno-Tulare Communist Party held at Fresno, California, on 5/23/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

The informant can testify to the following:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
May 26, 1958

"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson went to Fresno on Friday afternoon, May 23, 1958, to attend a meeting of

## 12 - Los Angeles (REG.)

- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - 100-31187 - DELLA BALLARD)
- (1 - 100-22798 - JIM BALLARD)
- (1 - 100-35873 - CHAS. T. WILLIAMS)
- (1 - 100-48482 - BUD DILLON)
- (1 - 100-28272 - FRANK GEORGE)
- (1 - 100-16828 - CP FRESNO CO.)
- (1 - 100-16827 - CP TULARE CO.)
- (1 - JOE LEWIS - Button Willow)
- (1 - SAM MILLER - Terra Bella)
- (1 - CP FUNDS)

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- (1 - [redacted] SF 1604-S)
- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - 100-25085 - CP FUNDS)
- (1 - 100-9720 - CP NEGRO QUESTION)
- (1 - 65-1242 - MICKIE LIMA)
- (1 - 97-27 - PW)
- (1 - 100-6609 - GEORGE SANDY)
- (1 - 61-395 - LEO BAROWAY, SID PARTRIDGE)

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the Fresno and Lindsay Clubs of the Communist Party at the home of Haskell and Nadine Smith. The got there at about 4:45 PM and they had supper with the Smiths. Haskell's mother was visiting with them, but she did not attend the meeting that evening. The meeting was attended by the following:

Haskell and Nadine Smith  
Della and Jim Ballard  
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Chuck Williams  
Bud Dillon

"At the suggestion of Bud Dillon, Lulu Mae Thompson acted as the Chairman of the meeting. She opened the meeting at about 8:00 PM and gave a report on the last meeting of the District Committee. At the conclusion of her report, Bud Dillon said he would like to have a copy of Roscoe Proctor's article on the Negro question which was to have been printed in Political Affairs. Jim Ballard also expressed a desire to read this and Lulu Mae Thompson said she would ask Mickie Lima about it.

"There was some discussion of the People's World Fund Drive and Jim Ballard reported that Leo Barroway or Sid Partridge used to make an effort to see Joe Lewis at Button Willow near Bakersfield and Sam Miller east of Lindsay at Terra Bella because they were both generous in their donations to the paper.

"During the evening, Jim Ballard turned over \$6.40 to Lulu Mae Thompson. This was dues from the Lindsay Club.

"Before the close of the meeting at about 9:30 PM, Lulu Mae Thompson told those present that the next meeting of the District Committee is scheduled for June 15th and the next Section meeting will be held on July 20th. She stated she thought that it



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would not be necessary for her to make another trip into the area if the proposed delegated District Conference is to be held after July 20th. This was agreeable to all those present.

Following the close of the meeting, Lulu Mae Thompson reported to Bud Dillon that she had turned the matter of another trial for Frank George over to Mickie Lima.

/s/ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 5/26/58 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16023)

DATE: 6/12/58

FROM : SA JOHN G. CROVER

SUBJECT: 

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INFORMANT	ACTIVITY	DATE	AGENCY	REFERENCE
<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> who has furnished reliable info in the past and whose identity should be protected.	Meeting of the Northern District of California CP held 5/23/58	5/23/58	Writer	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>

on 5/23/58. The informant orally furnished the information which was read and signed by the informant on 6/4/58 and which is as follows:

Fresno, California  
May 23, 1958

"On May 23, 1958, I attended a Communist Party meeting held at the home of HAZEL and MARIE SMITH, on Clovis Avenue, Fresno, California. This was a Section Meeting of the Northern District of the Communist Party, and those in attendance were:

"ELLA and JIM BALLARD, from Lindsay, California  
CHUCK WILLIAMS, from Lindsay, California  
EDD BILSON, from Fresno, California  
HOWARD and ELLA HAN THOMPSON, from Lathrop, California  
HAZEL and MARIE SMITH

"ELLA HAN THOMPSON acted as chairman of the

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-2- San Francisco (100-16023)  
(100-16023)  
(HOWARD THOMPSON)

100-31107 (D. BALLARD)  
100-22733 (J. BALLARD)  
100-35073 (C. WILLIAMS)  
100-40402 (E. BILSON)

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meeting and gave a report on the meeting of the State Committee of the Communist Party which was held at San Francisco. She stated that the State Committee of the Communist Party had decided to lay plans, for a 'New Approach,' in recruiting members for the Party, and carrying on the work of the Party. She stated that the Committee was to set up a program to get together with delegates from every Party group in the Northern District of California, to draw up a program, and discuss this 'New Approach,' and then present the results of the discussion to the members of their group. Among the topics for discussion will be: Whether the Marxist-Leninist theory will apply to the United States today? Whether the Communist Party in the United States should advocate socialism, peacefully, without the overthrow of the government? Whether it would be more advantageous allow the members of the Communist Party to decide policy, rather than have policy dictated to them by the hierarchy?

"LULU MAE THOMPSON stated that she would advise when the State Committee would hold a meeting to set up this program. She stated that she believed that the meeting would be held in San Francisco, California in approximately a month.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON also stated that ELIZABETH GURLEY DIXON attended a recent Communist Party meeting in San Francisco, California of the State Committee and spoke on the subject regarding the Eastern Groups of the Communist Party and the West Coast Groups and said that the groups must get together on policy in recruiting members.

"She also gave a report of the subscription drive of the 'People's World,' and mentioned that GUYTON SANDY had given a report to the State Committee of the Communist Party, at San Francisco, of the hard working members of the Fresno Communist Party Group, and praised their efforts in striving to make their quota."

ACTION: Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above report and could furnish no additional information.

All other necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828)

DATE: 6/12/58

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FROM : SA JOHN G. GROVES

SUBJECT:

INFORMANT	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> who has furnished reliable info in the past and whose identity should be protected.	Meeting of the Northern District of Calif. CP held 5/23/58.	5/28/58	Writer	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>

The informant orally furnished the information on 5/28/58. This information was reduced to a statement which was read and signed by the informant on 6/4/58 and which is as follows:

"Fresno, California  
May 29, 1958

"I attended a Communist Party Section Meeting of the Northern District of California, on May 23, 1958, which was held at the home of NADINE and HASKELL SMITH on Clovis Avenue, Fresno, California. Those in attendance were DELLA and JIM BALLARD and CHUCK WILLIAMS, from Lindsay, California; HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON of Lathrop, California; EUD DILLON, NADINE and HASKELL SMITH of Fresno, California.

"The meeting was chaired by LULU MAE THOMPSON, who gave a report on a recent meeting held by the State Committee of the Communist Party held at San Francisco,

cc:  2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)  
(LULU MAE THOMPSON)  
(HOWARD THOMPSON)

100-31187 (D. BALLARD)  
100-22798 (J. BALLARD)  
100-35873 (C. WILLIAMS)  
100-48482 (B. DILLON)

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California. She stated that the committee was going to lay plans for a new approach to be used in recruiting of members for the Party and were going to set up a program with delegates from the various Communist Party Groups in the Northern District of California, to discuss this new approach. The delegates will meet with the State Committee at a future date and the program will be discussed and will be taken back to their Party Groups by the delegates and discussed with the groups' members. Some of the topics which will be discussed are whether the Marxist Leninism theory is the best theory for the Communist Party of the United States to follow today, whether the Communist Party of the United States should advocate the overthrow of the government by force or should follow socialism by peaceful means, whether it would be to the best interests of the Communist Party, to allow its members to decide on policy, rather than have the policy set and dictated to the members by those in power?

"LULU MAE THOMPSON stated that at a recent State Committee meeting at San Francisco, California, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, attended and discussed the problem of unification between the East Coast and West Coast Groups of the Communist Party, and said that there was too much friction between the groups. She said that both the West Coast and East Coast Groups should get together and iron out their difficulties and not be squabbling all the time.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON stated that the State Committee will hold a meeting at San Francisco sometime next month to discuss this new approach and that the delegates from this section should be able to attend. She will advise the date of this meeting.

"She also advised that the State Committee is well pleased with the work of this Section in the subscription drive for the 'Peoples World' and that GEORGE SANDY had praised this Section's work at a meeting of the State Committee in San Francisco."

ACTION: Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above report and could furnish no additional information.

All other necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

6/23/58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/12/58, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 6/11/58, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Lathrop, California, on 6/9/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"June 11, 1958

"On Monday evening, June 9, a meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County was held at the EDWARD THOMPSON home and those present at the meeting were:

"EDWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
"HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
"JACK JILBERT

"The meeting was opened at about 7:45 p.m. by the Chairman, EDWARD KEYLOR. LULU MAE THOMPSON gave a report on the last District Committee meeting she had attended on May 16th and this was followed by a discussion of the People's World Fund Drive and EDWARD KEYLOR said he would make up a list of about ten people he thought would be good for a donation to the drive. LULU MAE THOMPSON suggested that she and EVANGELINE look the list over and pick out those that they thought they could contact and try to get some money. This was agreed to and LULU MAE said she would keep the car on Thursday and see EVANGELINE at that time.

CCS: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-29506 (EDWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
97-27 (RV)  
100- (CP ORGANIZATION)  
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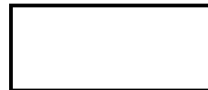
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"The Club then held the election of officers. HOWARD THOMPSON was elected Chairman a vote of 3 to 2 over HOWARD KEYLOR and LULU MAE THOMPSON received five votes for Treasurer over EVANGELINE KEYLOR.

"The next meeting of the Club will be held at the THOMPSON home on Monday evening, June 23rd at 7:00 PM.

s/s



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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/12/58 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-40196)

DATE: JUN 23 1958

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: MARGARET MARY GRIFFITHS, nee  
Margaret Aller, wa.  
Mrs. Ralph Griffiths  
SM - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/12/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 6/5/58, concerns activities of the Subject and DELMER BERG. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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## THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"June 5, 1958

"On Friday evening, May 30, 1958, DELMER BERG visited at the Howard Thompson home. He had a friend with him and he introduced her as MARGARET and said he had met her through her cousin GRACE FORBES. She told LULU MAE THOMPSON later in the evening, when DEL and HOWARD were out in the yard, that her former husband, RALPH GRIFFITHS was GRACE FORBES cousin. She also stated that she had been visiting some friends in Richmond and their name was 'SACKS'.

"DELMER BERG told the THOMPSONS that he is working with a man named GALARZA on organizing the farm workers in Stanislaus County. He stated that he doesn't think that GALARZA knows that he is a Communist and he doesn't know what will happen when it is revealed to him, because GALARZA isn't a Party member that he knows of.

s/s [redacted]

CCS [redacted]

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100-27988 (DELMER BERG)

100- (GRACE FORBES)

100-26388 (STANISLAUS COUNTY CP)

100-21286 (SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CP)

100- (ERNESTO GALARZO)

100- (SACKS) (Att. Richmond RA INFO)

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100-42355 (MARGARET M. GRIFFITHS)

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[redacted] on 5/12/58 orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE that DELMER b7D  
BERG is the Chairman of the Communist Party in Stanislaus County,  
California. Informant further advised that LULU MAE THOMPSON is  
Chairman of the Valley Section of the CP in California and HOWARD  
THOMPSON is Chairman of the San Joaquin County CP.

ACTION: File

CITY San Francisco, CaliforniaDATE Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Franciscofor information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage

Special Agent

Authority (date) SFlet 1-13-58

Approved:

WPB  
SACInformant's File No. By Whom Robert F. Savage

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 6/25/58

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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Dates of Contact

5/26/58; 6/4,12,20,23/58

Titles and File #s on which contacted

CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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CP, USA, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

100-21286

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative

☒ Positive 5/26/58; 6/4,12,20,23/58

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Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating Outstanding

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CP in California

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TO: SA

DATE:

FROM: SAC, 

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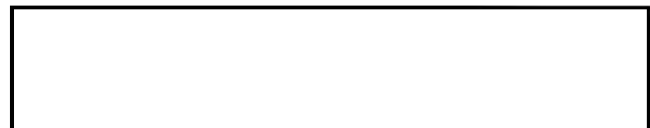
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Rememo 12/24/53, which instructs that informants be contacted and alerted for any indication of unusual interest in the operation of Strategic Air Command Bases, Travis Air Force Base being within this program. This memorandum further instructed that informants were to be recontacted at least every six months with reference to this program. A notation should be made in the file  reflecting this recontact.

In recontacting informants, extreme care should be used not to pinpoint the operation of this base as being any different than that of any other base, and informant should be instructed to report any unusual interest concerning any military installation. Please give this immediate and expeditious attention.

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(1) Savage *PKS*  
(2) NANCY PUCCI *B*

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

7-21-58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/2/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7/1/58, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Lathrop, California on 6/30/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is amintained in [redacted]

THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
July 1, 1958

"The San Joaquin County Communist Party Club held a meeting at the Howard Thompson home on Monday eveing, June 30, 1958 and the following people were present:

"Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
Jack Jilbert  
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson

"Howard Thompson opened the meeting at approximately 7:30 PM. He called for payment of dues and Jack Jilbert paid his dues for April; May, June, July, August and September. This came to \$.90.

"Howard Keylor then reported that Steve Charnaskey had donated \$10.00 to the People's World Fund Drive and he had mailed this in with a \$1.00 deposit on a subscription from Mrs. Lillie Beeman of 3520 E. Myrtle Street, Stockton. Howard Thompson asked Howard Keylor to see Larry Kilmer and ask him to donate a days pay and Thompson also stated that he is going to donate another 20.00.

"The letter announcing the District Conference was then read by Lulu Mae Thompson and a discussion was held on the points which will be considered at the Conference.

Wthe date selected for the next meeting is July 14th at the Thomp-son home. This meeting was closed at about 9:10 PM.

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1 - [redacted] SF 1604-S)

1 - [redacted]

1 - 100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

1 - 100-31146 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)

1 - 100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)

1 - 100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

1 - 97-27 (PW)

1 - 100-34322 (STEVE CHARNESKI)

1 - 100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)

1 - 100- (LILLIE BEEMAN)

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/2/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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ACTION: Route cc on LILLIE BEEMAN to writer for ident.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC,


DATE: 7/21/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Dates of Contact <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">6/30/58; 7/2,3,17,21/58</div>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
<u>CP, USA, N. DIST. OF CALIF.</u>	<u>100-11889</u>
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive	
	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
Personal Data	Rating: Outstanding
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*[Signature]*

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TO: SAC, [REDACTED]

FROM: SA CLAIR I. PETERKIN, JR.

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CS SF 2148-S\*  
[REDACTED]

DATE: 5/24/58

There are attached to this memo and to be considered a part of the memo photographs or photostats of photographs of material relative to CP District 13 matters and members thereof furnished on 4/7/58 by CS SF 2148-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (documentation not necessary).

These photostats are for filing in the case files of the individuals and organizations concerned therein.

The source is close to ALBERT JASON LIMA, better known as MICKEY LIMA, Chairman of the Northern California CP District. Original photographs of this material received from CS SF 2148-S\* as well as the developed film will be filed as a bulky exhibit in [REDACTED]. Distribution of the photographs is shown on the backs of the originals. Generally, a copy has been designated for the files on all persons or organizations named within San Francisco territory. Where the person or organization named is located in another office's territory, or the subject matter referred to is of an interest to another office, that office will have been sent a copy. Where photostats are illegible, refer to original photograph.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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*Unsub #5*

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*John D. Jones*

NO - Number consecutively  
M - Male  
F - Female  
N - Negro  
W - White  
Y (P) - Years in Party  
IND - Industry  
D P - Dues paid through  
A & A - Active and assigned  
outside union to  
mass organization.

**NOTE, THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE FILED IN BY THE CLUB CHAIRMAN AND TURNED IN DIRECTLY TO THE DESIGNATED COUNTY PERSON AS SOON AS COMPLETED.**

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-43949)

DATE: 7/24/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CP  
UNSUB #5

Re memo SA CLAIR I. PETERKIN, JR. dated 5/20/58.

SF 1604-S [redacted]  
 furnished reliable information in the past on 7/2/58  
 orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE that Unsub #5  
 in 1958 CP Registration Form #11 is identical with  
 SF 1604-S, Subject of [redacted]

It is recommended that this case be closed and  
 serials placed in [redacted]

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Sub. 100-43949 has  
 been closed and consolidated  
 into [redacted]

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21236)

8/5/58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/25/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7/16/58, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Lathrop, California, on 7/14/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"July 16, 1958

"The San Joaquin County Communist Party Club held a meeting at the Howard Thompson home on Monday evening, July 14, 1958 and those attending were:

Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Jack Jilbert  
Evangeline Keylor

"Howard Thompson called the meeting to order and Lulu Mae Thompson announced that the Thompsons had paid their May and June dues and sustainers and Evangeline Keylor said the Keylors would try to pay up by the end of the week.

"An enlarged meeting of the District Committee will be held on Sunday, July 27th and Howard Thompson was elected to represent the Club.

CC:

READ BY

REVIEWED BY

[redacted] (SF 1606-S)

100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-25035 (CP FUNDS)

100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
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"The balance of the meeting was spent in a discussion of Union activities.

"The Club will hold another meeting on Tuesday evening, July 29, 1958 at the Thompson home.

u/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/25/58 that the enlarged meeting of the District Committee has been postponed to 8/3/58. Report was delayed enroute from informant to writer due to postal burglary. Post Office Inspector PETER DALPORTO delivered report to writer on 7/25/58 and advised that this report was torn open by UNSUBS who were obviously looking for mail containing checks.

ACTION: File

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 8/5/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/23/58 by [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7/21/58, concerns a meeting of the Valley Section of the Communist Party in the Northern District of California. The meeting was held on 7/20/58 at Lathrop, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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READ BY \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWED BY \_\_\_\_\_

CC: [ ] (SF 1604-S)

100-27286 (VIRGIL COLE)  
100- (MARGARET COLE)  
100-27348 (DARNEY DEVETO)  
100-32000 (MARIE GORIN)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-9884 (HOLLAND ROBERTS)  
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)  
100-9720 (CP NEGRO QUESTION)  
100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBS)  
65-1561 (ART GORIN)  
100-40196 (MARGARET GRIFFITHS)  
100- (BEN ), Sacramento  
100- (SOCIALIST UNITY CONFERENCE)  
2 - Los Angeles (REG.)  
( 1 - 100-28272) (FRANK GEORGE)  
( 1 - 100-42355) (MARGARET GRIFFITHS)

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"July 21, 1958

"On Sunday, July 20, 1958, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party held a meeting at the Howard Thompson home. Those present for the meeting were:

Virgil and Margaret Cole  
Lillian Ransome  
Barney DeVeto  
Marie Gorin  
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Delmer Berg  
Mickie Lima

"Lulu Mae Thompson opened the meeting at about 11:15 AM and called Mickie Lima to make a report on the last meeting of the District Committee which was held on Friday evening, July 18th. Lillian and Lulu Mae had both been unable to attend this meeting. Mickie reported that the meeting had spent some time on the outcome of the primary elections and what they indicate for the future and the discussion also centered around the recent developments in Lebanon. He stated that a group who have worked as the campaign committee for Holland Roberts will meet in San Francisco on Monday evening July 28, 1958 to form a committee of left oriented people to bring the issue of peace into the campaign and also to stress other left issues. He stated later in the meeting that this group is taking the place of the Socialist Unity Conference which met recently in New York and their meeting in San Francisco will be held in the CIO hall. Mickie also stated that the Staff of the District Committee will meet on Thursday evening to complete the outline of the report which will be submitted to the District Conference on Sunday, July 27th. This meeting will be

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held in St. George Hall at the corner of Grove and 25th Streets in Oakland. Registration will precede the opening of the meeting which is scheduled for 10:00 AM. A registration fee of \$1.00 will cover the cost of lunch which will be served in the hall. The entrance on 25th Street will be the one used.

"Lulu Mae Thompson reported that a trial had been held for Frank George and he had been found guilty on some of the charges and that he had appealed the decision. She stated that the matter had then been turned over to Mickie.

"Each area reported on the fund drive for the People's World and Delmer Berg said that Stanislaus County would go over the top this next week. Marie Gorin said that Sacramento would send in about \$40.00. this coming week and the Thompsons stated they had given Mickie another \$20.00 to turn in for San Joaquin County.

"After lunch the questions that are to come up at the District Conference were discussed and the following conclusions were reached:

- #1. The Party should continue to concentrate on the fight against proposition #18.
- #2. Where Negro Republicans are opposing Democratic candidates, race should not be the deciding factor on who to support unless all other factors are equal.
- #3. There should not be a write in campaign for the Communist Party, and support of a left progressive committee to conduct activities on issues could tend to further isolate the Party.
- #4. No definite decision was made on how to treat the Socialist Unity Conference, but it seemed to be the general opinion

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that this is a Trotskyite led group and should be avoided.

- #5. A committee should be formed to achieve ideological unity in the Party on electoral activities.

"A motion was also passed to ask the National Executive Committee to issue two pamphlets. One of these would be for general distribution and would show what Socialism will mean to the American people and the second would be for Party use only and would deal with the Trotskyites and their tactics and how to combat them.

"The Section also voted to ask the District to call a Conference on Farm Labor and to aid in the organization of farm labor.

"Proceeding the meeting, Marie told Lulu Mae Thompson that she receives money from some of their former members who cannot pay dues and one of these, "BEN" belongs to a Union which makes it impossible for him to attend meetings or pay dues.

"Marie also told those present during the informal visiting, that a Negro had beaten Art Gorin on the street near their home on the 4th of July. He was in the hospital for nine days. They are considering filing a suit against the Negro.

"Delmer Berg stated that he is serving as a paid Union organizer among the agricultural workers in Stanislaus County. He also said he and Margaret Griffiths are going to Reno to get married this coming Saturday, July 26th. He said Margaret is not at present a member of the Communist Party.

"/s/

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"Enclosed letter was received from Nadine Smith."



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[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F.  
SAVAGE on 7/25/58 that the District Conference has  
been postponed until 8/3/58.

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ACTION: Route cc on BEN \_\_\_\_\_ to SA FULLER  
at Sacramento for identification.

CITY San Francisco, California

DATE                     

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

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for information concerning the case entitled

CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

[Redacted]

Signed: Robert F. Savage

Special Agent

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Authority (date) Bulet 5-27-58

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Approved:

W.B.  
SAC

Informant's File No.                     

By Whom Robert F. Savage

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

Date: 8/11/58

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/4/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 7/30/58, concerns a San Joaquin County Communist Party meeting held at Lathrop, California on 7/29/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"July 30, 1958

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the Howard Thompson home on Tuesday evening, July 29, 1958. The following people were at the meeting:

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cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
100-25539 (CP BRIEF)  
100-28718 (CP DOMESTIC ADMIN. ISSUES)

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"HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
"JACK JILBERT

"The THOMPSONS told HOWARD KEYLOR they had paid the KEYLOR's June dues so the Club's dues for the second quarter could be turned in at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section meeting which was held on July 20th. KEYLOR repaid them.

"HOWARD THOMPSON also reported that the THOMPSONS had given MICKIE LIMA \$20.00 to turn into the People's World Fund Drive and LULU MAE THOMPSON gave a report on the Section meeting, and she announced that the Northern District Conference which was to have been held on July 27th had been postponed to August 3rd.

"HOWARD THOMPSON gave a short report on the Building Trades Council and he called on HOWARD KEYLOR to make a report on the activities of the Democratic Clubs in Stockton.

"JACK JILBERT then asked to read two letters he sent to President EISENHOWER on the situation in the Middle East and a letter he sent to the Congressional representatives from this area.

"Another meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday evening, August 12th at he THOMPSON's.

"/s/

[Redacted Signature Box]

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[Redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/4/58 and could furnish no additional information regarding the above meeting.

ACTION: File

CITY San Francisco, California

DATE [Redacted]

*ASSISTANT*

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

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for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage

Special Agent

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By Whom [Redacted]

Robert F. Savage

[Redacted]

SAC, San Francisco (100-11889)

August 15, 1958

SAs ROLAND W. FINLEY  
and HARRY H. WINECOFF

CP NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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CCs:

[REDACTED] (SF 2334-S\*)  
100-41612 (CP, San Francisco County)  
61-306 (CP, East Bay Region)  
100-3730 (CP, Santa Clara County)  
100-21286 (CP, San Joaquin County)  
100-21282 (CP, Humboldt County)  
100-31414 (CP, Sutter County)  
100-26361 (CP, Sonoma County)  
100-28718 (Domestic Administration Issues)  
100-27791 (Factionalism)  
100-27792 (Farm Matters)  
100-27418 (International Relations)  
100-28721 (National Group Commission)  
100-9720 (Negro Question)  
100-27747 (Organization)  
100-26165 (Pamphlets and Publications)  
100-30717 (Party Line)  
100-25347 (Political Activities)  
100-28630 (Strategy in Industry)  
100-27806 (Youth Matters)  
97-27 (Peoples World)  
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
100-26621 (JIM WOOD)  
101-120 (BILLIE WACHTER)  
100-22198 (FRANCIS FINK)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
100-34639 (LEIBEL BERGMAN)  
100-5867 (JOE GRAHAM)  
100-20016 (STEVE MURDOCK)  
61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)  
100-29913 (VINCENT HALLINAN)  
100-9884 (HOLLAND ROBERTS)  
100-43979 (Northern California Committee  
Against Nuclear Tests)  
100-32408 (JIM FORSYTH)  
100-26849 (DON THAYER)

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100-265 (WILI LOUGHREY)

100-43826 (East Bay Book Center)

100-38637 (Japan Letter)

61-415 (AL RICHMOND)

61-525 (WALTER STACK)

97-26 (BILL SCHNEIDERMAN)

100-43226 (IKE SANBONMATSU)

100-22989 (BILL LOWE)

100-27348 (BERNARD DE VETO)

(Northern California Independent Political Action Unity)

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On August 3, 1958, SF 2334-S\* furnished a report of an Enlarged District Committee Conference of the Communist Party (CP) Northern District of California which was held at St. George Hall, 2436 Grove Street, Oakland, California. The following is a resume of the information furnished by this source. Information contained in parentheses is the opinion of the writers and was not furnished by the source.

The meeting was called to order by MICKIE LIMA at 10:30 AM. Questions concerning rules and agenda were first discussed. It was decided that the conference would elect a committee of five members, two from the District Committees, and three from the areas, including one from San Francisco, one from East Bay and one from outlying counties, to process all motions and resolutions referred to the convention and to report back to the convention. LIMA then advised those present that the meeting was an Enlarged District Committee meeting and the Credentials Committee consisted of JIM WOOD, Secretary of San Francisco; BILLIE WACHTER, Secretary of the East Bay; and FRANCIS FINK, representing the outlying counties.

An unidentified individual (believed probably to be GEORGE SANDY) moved to amend the agenda to include a fifteen minute discussion of the "Peoples World" fund drive which was described as in "bad shape." Carried.

LEIBEL BERGMAN then moved to amend the agenda to add time to evaluate the work of the District Committee, which he stated in his opinion was in unsatisfactory shape. LIMA

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then stated that BERGMAN was out of order. BERGMAN stated that it was impossible to strengthen the work of the District Committee and to elect new delegates to vacancies caused by resignation without such an evaluation. In a vote from the floor the decision of the chair was sustained. The agenda was then adopted.

LIMA then stated that the staff proposed as Chairman for the day, the Chairman of Santa Clara County who was identified as JOE (believed to be JOE GRAHAM). Nominations for Secretary included STEVE (believed to be STEVE MURDOCK) and ARCHIE (believed to be ARCHIE BROWN). STEVE was elected.

#### MAIN REPORT

The main report was read by MICKIE LIMA. He stated that the convention had been postponed one week in order that the District Committee might prepare the report to cover all phases of action and to follow closely the Marxian trend in the role of the CP in California. LIMA stated the recent landing of Marines in Lebanon is a continuation of a number of events in recent months which clearly indicate the danger of war. These events will continue until the American people curb monopoly in our country. He mentioned the events of the imperialists in the recent months, citing the action of France in Indonesia, the anti-NIXON demonstrations which show a growing strength of anti-imperialists in South America, the African conference of eight nations which pledged to support the Algerian liberation movement, and the suspension of nuclear weapons tests by the Soviet Union.

LIMA proposed that the entire Northern California Party take as a united project, all counties to participate, the task of helping to build the campaign by the Northern California Committee Against Nuclear Weapons Test to be conducted at Livermore, California, to start the following Tuesday through Saturday, and to guarantee the effectiveness of the campaign, the success of which was to be regarded as a demonstration against intervention in Lebanon.

LIMA stated the primary elections in California were a rebuff for KNOWLAND and had national repercussions



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for the Republican Party. He stated that the defeat of KNOWLAND and the Right-to-Work law is a major task for all of us (Northern District CP). He stated these issues galvanized labor into action and that the workers have united around the Right-to-Work issue. He stated that the problems of the Party are how to consolidate the membership to participate in these campaigns more effectively and how to overcome the lethargy which exists in the Party. He stated they must identify themselves wholeheartedly with organized labor and peoples movements in California. He cited reasons for the Democratic success in regard to this point to organization of the club movement in the Democratic Party and the work of hard core progressives. LIMA then stated that an analysis of farm counties for ENGLE (State candidate for United States Senator) reflects that he is their candidate. LIMA stated they must defeat KNOWLAND and the Right-to-Work law and it can be done by (1) Helping class understanding of the main campaign and the issues, such as the Right-to-Work; (2) Mass pamphlets on the economic depression; (3) Bring to the American people the role of responsibility of American imperialism in Lebanon and the exposure of Standard Oil. "Peoples World" to write articles on the main issues of Lebanon and the Right-to-Work law.

LIMA continued, stating they must concentrate on local and state candidates who have the possibility for independent political action and who are aligned with farm labor unions. They must cling to minority representation and struggle for Negro representation. He suggested the First and Second Congressional Districts as having the best possibility. He stated they must build and extend the effectiveness and reflect the independent form already taken in the elections and build a peoples coalition aimed at curbing monopoly.

LIMA stated on Monday evening there took place a meeting called by the Interim Committee on the HOLLAND ROBERTS Campaign to consider the question as to whether there can be held in late Sept. a Northern California Independent Political Action Unity Conference. The District Staff and State Board met and proposed this not be held as there was not time to discuss such a meeting prior to being held and that the forces were not united. He stated that the real purpose of the meeting was to create a basis for an American Labor Party

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in California and select a united labor ticket represented by the Trotskyites.

He continued, stating that there would be a meeting in Los Angeles this weekend of the United Socialist Electoral Forum Committee at which HALLINAN would be the main speaker. It is the District Committee's opinion that they should participate in this conference to clarify the policy and control the conference. He stated it would strengthen the work of the District Committee and give them leadership. LIMA then stated that the staff of the Northern District had been paralyzed by the dissension and resignations. He stated the most important things for the District Committee to consider are labor, Negro, peace and youth, and that the Valley representatives proposed agricultural workers be added to this list.

LIMA stated that the Party must re-establish work among youth and proposed that a Bay Area Commission for Youth be established. He stated that the East Bay had done some recruiting of youth.

In regard to the "Peoples World," it was mentioned they have a large outstanding debt and that their circulation drive last year was a flop. It was stated that the financial drive will run into the Fall. The following was suggested:

- (1) Limited circulation drive between now and the end of the year;
- (2) Strengthening of the press apparatus;
- (3) Articles be written and published to reinforce the election campaign;
- (4) Work out promotions for each area;
- (5) A conference in October;
- (6) Full scale financial and subscription drive after the first of the year.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS CAUCUS

The meeting was broken up into area caucuses for election of members to the Motions and Resolutions Committee. The following were reported elected:

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East Bay  
San Francisco  
Outlying Counties

JIM (Believed JIM FORSYTH)  
DON (Believed DON THAYER)  
HOWARD (Believed HOWARD THOMPSON)

#### DISCUSSION ON MAIN REPORT

MICKIE LIMA's report was generally accepted and he was praised by the delegates for the presentation thereof.

One hour discussion prior to lunch and one hour discussion after lunch was held on the Main Report. Delegates speaking talked on such subjects as recognition of and trade with the Peoples Republic of China, the role of the CP in assisting trade unions and the working class to achieve an independent political movement from the business class, greater concentration on district level on trade unionism, youth work, capital punishment.

An unidentified man from San Francisco stated that we have a group of individuals known as "The Little Group" consisting of twenty-two people made up of CPers and non-CPers formerly associated with the LYL who are all thirty years or younger. Unknown man stated that he thinks his group should identify themselves with the Party now.

BILLIE WACHTER then spoke on independent political action, stating that the center of resistance in Berkeley is that the community services are breaking down; that there is no fight in organizations in schools, housing, etc., and that there is no unity to the community program. She stated the labor movement is revolved around the Right-to-Work.

An unknown female (WILHELMINE LOUGHREY) then spoke, stating she corresponds with a woman in Japan who is interested in peace and anxious to convey to the American people that the Japanese people want peace and abolition of the H-bomb. This woman got her (LOUGHREY's) name through the Soviet Union where she (LOUGHREY) had written a letter about peace to the magazine "Soviet Women." They corresponded, mostly about what the Japanese think about peace and then she received a large bundle of petitions about stopping the H-bomb, all in Japanese, and signed by Japanese people, including

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names and addresses. Unknown woman subsequently gave these petitions to a Japanese friend who gave them to the person in San Francisco who operates "Japan Letter." Unknown woman subsequently wrote and told her friend in Japan what she had done with the petitions. The Japanese woman is a schoolteacher and sends things the children do, toys the children make, and wants to know what they are doing about peace in this country.

Unknown woman continued, stating they have organized the East Bay Book Center, the other bookstore having been closed because unknown woman lost her health. The East Bay Book Store operates out of unknown woman's home. They are gradually accumulating cash to open a little shop in Berkeley or Oakland. In the meantime they have progressive books and literature and will send by mail or transmit in any other way. Unknown woman said it is important to read progressive literature and to get this literature in the hands of other people. She brought numerous copies of May "Political Affairs" to the meeting which includes an article on the primary election.

Another unknown female spoke concerning her association with Negroes and a small Negro church. Unknown woman spoke concerning the Women's International League and stated that the NAACP had tripled membership in her area, which during the course of her speech implied was San Jose. Woman spoke with a distinct Southern accent.

#### "PEOPLES WORLD" FUND DRIVE

GEORGE SANDY, Manager of the "Peoples World", stated in San Francisco there are four clubs over the top on the fund drive, these being Kezar, Sunset and Fillmore. He stated that ten to twelve times as many people read the "Peoples World" as there are CP members and as a consequence it is written for all people. In California there are three Drive Directors who are not CP members. SANDY also remarked, "I have a club too," during the course of his discussion. He stated fifteen to twenty thousand people read the paper and that they need \$5,600 or \$1,400 a week between now and Labor Day in order to sustain the paper.

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BILLIE WACHTER then stated she and her husband have a "Peoples World" route of seven, which consists of two white workers, one of whom is a leader in a union and one a Jewish businessman; one Negro; two Negro women, one who is an officer in Eastern Star; and a teacher at a working class school in San Francisco. Some of these people have made decisions for socialism in their lives, some are interested in socialism, and there are two that there has never been any type of political discussion. She further stated that of the nine renewals recently brought through her club, two were CP people, one left the CP two years ago, and six she did not know. She stated that she has lived and been in the Party in her area for twenty years.

An unknown man then stated there are four people in San Jose who handle the paper. He stated his own route has four Negroes and four Mexicans, all of whom are relatively new readers within the last one or two years. None are Party people and they take the paper on the basis of the issues involved.

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee report reflected the following delegates present:

Santa Clara County -- Three delegates representing three clubs and three members of the District Committee.

San Joaquin County -- Four delegates representing four clubs and two District Committee members.

Humboldt County -- One delegate representing one club and District Committee.

San Francisco County -- Eighteen delegates representing thirteen clubs and four members of the District Committee.

Alameda County -- Twelve delegates representing eight clubs and three members of the District Committee.

The above indicates a total number of thirty-seven delegates representing twenty-nine clubs and thirteen District

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Committee members with two alternate delegates, making a total number present - fifty-two.

#### PARTY PROGRAM

Unidentified man spoke regarding Party program, stating it was the instructions of the last Convention that the National Committee work on a basic program. The National Committee was instructed to elect a Program Committee. Now it is one and one-half years since the Convention and the actual work of developing the program is beginning. Such a program is needed for a clearer definition of the position on socialism in the United States and for ideological questions of the Party and to unite around a general program. A draft program is to be ready for the National Convention to be held during the first half of 1959.

The purpose of the discussion was to approach such a program rather than attempt to discuss it at that meeting. There are two documents regarding the program; the first the American Road to Socialism and the second an Introductory Report by Comrade ALLEN which was approved by the Program Committee and which is an approach to such a program. "Political Affairs" will have a regular section devoted to the development of the program.

The approach suggested within the District was to "farm out" what they could of the program to experts. They proposed a systematic discussion by the clubs, the members of the club singling out portions of which they have knowledge and interest and can really study. Each club can this way take two to four major issues.

MICKIE LIMA then mentioned the slowness of the National Committee to take action. He stated such action is now underway and these two documents are now in the draft form. One document, a pink one, was given to delegates for their club membership. A second document, a green one, was the report of Comrade ALLEN on the Initiating Committee dated May 9, 1957.

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It was moved that the District Committee set up a Program Committee to discuss and publish points within the program. It was suggested definite dates for discussion be set for the clubs.

LIMA stated that AL (RICHMOND) was elected to the National Program Committee and should be asked to take the same responsibility within the District, the committee being formed with one person from San Francisco and one person from the East Bay, and that representation be worked out for the outlying counties.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

(1) A motion submitted by the Peace Committee calls for a letter to Congress setting forth the Party's position in connection with the Middle East, nuclear weapons, withdrawal of American troops from foreign soil, and recognition of the Peoples Republic of China. It was stated that it was felt that this had been done; however, there had been new developments and that this body should speak up. It was the Committee's proposal that a new statement be drawn from this conference, by District Committee officers, and be sent to all newspapers, to various influential individuals, and public information organizations. Proposal passed unanimously. It was then mentioned that a proposal had been submitted to the Committee that a letter be written to the Editor of the "San Francisco Chronicle" in the name of the CP on the Mid-East.

(2) That this arm of the CP direct the District Committee to make known the position regarding the crisis in Lebanon in the most effective way; the responsibility to fight for peace; effect of monopoly in this country; rights for Negro people; and wider distribution of the "Peoples World" on the election. The Committee stated that some of these points had already been covered in LIMA's report and recommended that the proposal be passed and referred to the District Committee for action. Proposal carried.

(3) A proposal from the Valley that (1) Northern California District establish a group to assist the Chairman in his work and preside when he is out of the area; (2) District

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Committee assemble on one permanent meeting date each month;  
(3) Northern California District hold a conference for farm labor; (4) There is a strong movement in the Valley for organization of farm labor in which they can become active. They seek the aid of the District Committee in this movement;  
(5) That the Northern California District ask the National Committee to issue two pamphlets, (a) One to distribute publicly on what socialism means to the American people, and (b) One for CP members only, dealing with Trotskyites and their tactics. The proposal carried and referred to the District Committee.

(4) That they establish a District Trade Union Committee to implement and co-ordinate Party activity on a union local level. Proposal carried and referred to the District Committee.

(5) Move the formation of a Youth Committee as represented in MICKIE LIMA's report. This committee is classified by LIMA as a Party Commission to include youth. Proposal carried.

(6) In regard to national minorities and Negro work, a committee be appointed by the District Committee to work out (1) Ways for an effective FEPC; (2) Under the leadership of the District Committee, the Party take steps in mass work to unite minorities, establishment of a National Minorities Commission; (3) Caucus work with Party and non-Party people. Proposal carried.

(7) A proposal that subsidies be granted by the Federal Government to business was returned to the club presenting for fuller explanation.

(8) A proposal from an East Bay club on the "Peoples World" that (1) The conference go on record that all leadership complete the fund drive; (2) Clubs underwrite distribution of the "Peoples World" each week at State Employment offices, this being carried out on a county basis. Proposals carried.

(9) A proposal was presented that the Northern California District go on record to approve action of the



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February meeting of the National Convention and pledge support to action taken as published in the Party press. The Resolutions Committee stated that this resolution was beyond the scope of this conference and such a matter should be handled in a convention. As a substitute, they proposed as follows: We greet the positive development of the National Committee in recent past such as launching of the programmatic discussion, establishment of trade union policy for the Party and the move for consolidation of a fighting Marxist-Leninist party and reaffirmation of the basic policy of the Sixteenth Convention and we pledge ourselves to promote and carry through national Party policy.

WALTER STACK and LEIBEL BERGMAN were two identified as speaking against the substitute resolution. BILL SCHNEIDERMAN spoke for the substitute resolution, remarking to the effect that WALTER STACK was awfully anxious to throw them out of leadership, if not out of the Party. Vote on the issue was thirty-two in favor of the substitute resolution and eight against.

(10) It was proposed that the body accept LIMA's report and that it be printed together with all motions and resolutions as adopted and it be submitted to all members. Resolution accepted.

(11) That the Party's election platform be reaffirmed. Proposal carried.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the District Committee:

East Bay	BILLIE (Believed to be BILLIE WACHTER) BILL (Believed to be BILL LONE)
San Francisco	DON (Believed to be DON THAYER) IKE (Believed to be IKE SANBONMATSU)

Since no one was here from Sonoma County, pending a selection of someone from Sonoma County, BERNARD (believed

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to be BERNARD DE VETO) from Sutter County was temporarily elected.

ACTION: Route one copy of this memorandum to SAs KEHE, O'FLYNN and RICHMOND for informational purposes.

Route copies for BILLIE WACHTER, BILL LOWE, DON THAYER, IKE SANBONMATSU and BERNARD DE VETO to Agents handling for appropriate action.

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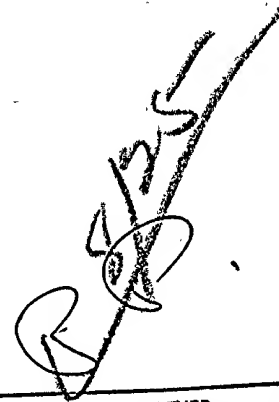
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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

8/29/58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/20/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 8/15/58, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Lathrop, California on 8/12/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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The informant can testify to the following:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 15, 1958

"A meeting of the Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Tuesday evening, August 12, 1958 and the following people were present:

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD AND EVANGELINE KEYLOR

"The Club Chairman, HOWARD THOMPSON called the meeting to order at about 7:30 PM and proposed that the meeting be devoted to the reading and discussion of MICKIE LIMA's report to the Northern California District Conference and some discussion of the People's World Fund Drive. This suggestion was approved and LULU MAE THOMPSON read the report, stopping whenever some point was questioned or pointed up for discussion.

"HOWARD KEYLOR stated that he would make an effort to contact some of the people he knows who will donate to the People's World.

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1 - [redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - 100-29508 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
1 - 100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
1 - 65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
1 - 100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
1 - 97-27 (PW)

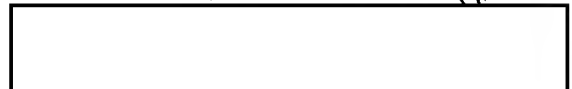
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"The next meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday evening, August 26, 1958 at the THOMPSON home.

"The THOMPSON's paid their dues for the month of July;

"H. THOMPSON	dues \$5.00	Sustainer \$1.00
"L.M. THOMPSON	" .50	" 1.00

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was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/20/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM.....UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 9/3/58  
 FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
 SUBJECT: CP USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/11/58 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 8/5/58 concerns a meeting of the enlarged District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California held at Oakland, California on 8/3/58. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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CC:

5-Los Angeles (REG)

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 100-26179 (RITTA HALPERIN)  
 100- (TIM )  
 100- (LEE WETTER)

100-29302 (RALPH IZZARD)  
 100-44241 (LEE WETTER)  
 100-43637 (VIRGINIA BLATTNER)  
 100-9884 (HOLLAND ROBERTS)  
 100-33359 (ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGS.)  
 100-25539 (CP BRIEF)  
 100-28718 (CP COMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)  
 100-27791 ( CP FACTIONALISM)  
 100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTER)  
 100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
 100-27793 (CP LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITI  
 100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)  
 100-28721 (CP NATIONAL GROUP COMMISSIONS)  
 100-9720 (CP NEGRO QUESTION)  
 100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
 100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)  
 100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.  
 100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
 100-27806 (CP YOUTH MATTERS)  
 100-43478 (CP NATL. COMM. VIEW-POINTS)  
 100- (UNITED SOCIALIST ELECTORAL FORUM COMMITTEE)  
 100-22989 (BILL LOWE)  
 100-265 (W.E.A. LAUGHERY)  
 100-26849 (DON THAYER)  
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 61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)  
 100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
 61-525 (WALTER STACK)  
 100-31391 (LILLIAM RANSOME)  
 100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
 100-41635 (EMMA STERN)  
 61-415 (AL RICHMOND)  
 100-22198 (FRANCIS FINK)  
 100-120 (BILLIE WACHTER)  
 100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)  
 100-34639 (LEIBEL BERGMAN)  
 97-26 (WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)  
 100-5867 (JOE MORRIS)  
 100-20016 (STEVE MURDOCK)  
 65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)  
 100-1418 (ELIZ NICHOLAS)  
 100-34591 (GRACE FORBES)  
 100-22370 (NOEL HARRIS)  
 100-39467 (ROBERT PURDY)

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 5, 1958

"An enlarged meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California was held at St. George's Hall at 25th and Grove Streets, Oakland on Sunday, August 3, 1958.

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON went to Oakland for the meeting. They arrived early and happened to meet HASKELL and NADINE SMITH of Fresno at the ice cream stand across the street from the hall. While they were having coffee NADINE said that RITA HALPERN has resigned from their Club and they are taking back a former member by the name of TIM. She also said that one of their "supporters" has married and moved to Modesto. His name is LEE WETTER.

"When the hall was opened these four went over. DELMER BERG was among the people waiting to enter and he had a woman with him. He introduced her as VIRGINIA, LEORA CHASTAINE's daughter. Later, when LULU MAE THOMPSON was assisting temporarily with the registration of delegates, DEL and MICKIE approached and DEL said that VIRGINIA was not a Party member because of the upset conditions in the Stanislaus County Club, but she would like to stay for the meeting. MICKIE asked LULU MAE THOMPSON what she thought of this and she told him she did not think it was the right thing to do. He stated that he agreed.

"When MICKIE LIMA called the meeting to order at about 10:30 AM, the following people were recognized among those present:

\*District Committee HASKELL and NADINE SMITH  
HOWARD and \*LULU MAE THOMPSON  
BARNEY DEVETO  
\*ARCHIE BROWN  
WALTER STACK  
DELMER BERG  
\*LILLIAN RANSOME  
\*VENUS THOMPSON  
GEORGE SANDY

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EMMA (STERN?) Santa Clara  
\*AL RICHMOND  
BILL LOWE (Negro)  
\*FRAN FINK  
\*BILLY WALKER  
\*MERLE BRODSKY  
Laible  
\*BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
\*JOE MORRIS  
STEVE MURDOCK  
\*MICKIE LIMA  
W. E. A. LAUGHERY  
\*ELIZABETH NICOLAUS  
GRACE FORBES  
\*NOEL HARRIS  
BOB PURDY  
RALPH IZZARD  
DON (from S. F. or E. B., looks very much like  
HOWARD KEYLOR, except he is about 45.)

"MICKIE announced that the District Committee had set up the meeting and suggested that a committee of 5 members be set up to consider and process all motions and resolutions and the representation should be as follows: 2 from the District Committee, one from the East Bay, one from San Francisco and one from the outlying counties.

"At this time a delegate from the San Francisco area placed a motion to not allow any member of the District Committee to have a voice or vote in the conference. MICKIE ruled the motion out of order because this was called as an enlarged meeting of the District Committee. The decision was appealed and WALTER STACK took the chair for the vote. MICKIE's decision was upheld.

"Another San Francisco delegate then asked that the other delegate from his Club be disqualified because he is seven months behind in his dues. After a great deal of parliamentary wrangling, this was turned over to the registration committee to handle.



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"MICKIE then gave a report on the activities of the District Committee for the past year and the outlook for the future. Mimeographed copies of this will be available at a later date. One of the items he reported on is the Committee being formed by the group who served as the campaign committee for the election of HOLLAND ROBERTS. This group has organized as the United Socialist Electoral Forum Committee with the objective of becoming the basis for an American Labor Party in California and to prepare a complete roster of Socialist candidates for the 1960 elections.

"MICKIE's report was followed by a 15 minute recess for the purpose of electing members to the Resolutions Committee. The Staff of the District Committee had already elected MERLE BRODSKY and ARCHIE BROWN to the Committee and the outlying areas elected HOWARD THOMPSON. DON (?) was one of the other two members.

"This was followed by discussion of MICKIE's report, lunch and then further discussion.

"The credentials committee reported that there were 37 delegates, 13 District Committee members and 2 alternates registered. They also stated that thru investigation, it was found that the challenged delegate came from a Club who only had two paid up members out of 9 so they suggested the delegate be accepted since he had been elected.

"The following resolutions and motions were presented by the Resolutions Committee:

"#1. That the District Committee call on the Party to draft a forthright position and statement on foreign policy, peace and the situation in the Middle East, and that a statement emanating from this conference be drafted and sent to the leading newspapers. Passed.

"#2. A motion to direct the District Committee to fight Proposition #18 on a Marxist-Leninist line. Passed.

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"#3. Recommendations from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section:

- A. That a vice-chairman be elected for Northern California.
- B. That the District Committee set at least one definite meeting date a month.
- C. That the District Committee set up a conference on farm labor.
- D. That the Party in Northern California assist in the organization of farm labor which is now going on.
- E. That the conference ask the National Committee to publish two pamphlets, one to distribute to the public and dealing with what Socialism will mean to the American people and the other for Party distribution only which will deal with Trotskyite tactics and ways and means of combating them.

"Motion passed.

"#4. Establish a Trade Union Commission.  
Refer to the District Committee. Passed.

"#5. That the Communist Party in Northern California sponsor the formation of youth groups for Marxist-Leninist discussion. Passed

"#6. A resolution on Negro-National minorities, discrimination in jobs and housing, etc. Passed.

"#7. A motion was presented which would call for subsidizing businesses. Referred back to the Club to be rewritten and submitted at a later date.

"#8. To make the People's World Fund Drive the #1 problem of the District to be concentrated upon until the goal is reached. Passed.

"#9. That the Clubs underwrite the distribution of the People's World before the unemployment offices and that this be referred to the Clubs for organization. Passed.

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"#10. A lengthy resolution presented by WALTER STACK and his supporters calling for the meeting to approve the action of the National Committee in February. (This is the action that led to the resignations from the Party in California). The resolutions Committee presented an alternate motion which was carried by a vote of 32 to 8 with 4 abstentions.

"#11. That the report made by MICKIE LIMA at the meeting be mimeographed along with all motions presented and acted upon and this material be sent to all the Clubs. Passed.

"The meeting recessed to hold caucus for the purpose of electing new members to the District Committee to fill the vacancies. One representative was needed for the outlying areas and is supposed to represent Sonoma County. Noone was present from there so those at the conference decided to choose someone to serve temporarily. BARNEY DEVETO was chosen to fillin until Sonoma County elects their own delegate.

"San Francisco County elected DON and IKE to be their new District Committee representatives and the East Bay elected BILLY and BILL.

"This action concluded the conference at about 6:00 P.M. After the meeting BARNEY DEVETO asked LULUMAE and HOWARD THOMPSON when he would see them and it was arranged that he would try to set up a meeting of their Club for Saturday evening, August 30, 1958 so the THOMPSONS can attend.

"During the afternoon session, preceding the resolutions committee report, GEORGE SANDY gave a brief report on the People's World Fund Drive which is lagging and AL RICHMOND gave a preliminary report on the preparation of a Party Program which is now under way.

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/18/58 and could furnish to additional information.

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ACTION: File

TO: SAC, San Francisco (100-11889)

Date: 9/3/58

FROM: SA JOSEPH F. SMITH

RE: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT, CP  
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Committee meeting  
8/3/58, Oakland,  
California

8/5/58

SA JOSEPH  
F. SMITH

Set forth verbatim on subsequent pages of this memo is a report by [redacted] concerning the above-captioned meeting. Informant has reviewed the report and has signed it.

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August 5, 1958

The enlarged Northern California District Committee meeting of the Communist Party took place at St. George Hall, Oakland, California on August 3, 1958. The majority of the delegates arrived at approximately 9:30 AM and found that large boxes had been placed inside the entrance, in which boxes there was literature material and the delegates were told to pick up a sufficient number of copies for each member of their club. The following literature was obtained:

1. San Francisco Fund Drive Standings as of August 1, 1958
2. Memorandum from Northern California District Committee to the Clubs on the Fight for Peace
3. The American Road to Socialism - Program Questions (for publication in September, 1958 issue of "Political Affairs")
4. Pamphlet by Northern California Committee Against Nuclear Tests entitled "Our Hands Are Not Tied!" re Livermore protest meeting
5. Letter signed by GEORGE C. SANDY, "People's World", with return blank for greetings and advertisements for the special Labor Day edition of the PW.
6. Initial Report on Basic Program - Report of JAMES S. ALLEN for the Initiating Committee on Program to the NEC, dated May 9, 1958

The delegates registered with members of the Credentials Committee and the actual meeting commenced at approximately 10:15 AM.

ARCHIE BROWN then brought in proposed rules for governing the meeting which were to the effect that one member from each district would be elected to the Motions and Resolutions Committee and that no more than seven minutes be given to each speaker. LEIBEL BERGMAN then moved to have two members from each area to act on the Resolutions Committee. Arguments were presented that this would not leave enough members present at the meeting since too many would be out working on the resolutions and a vote was taken and the motion of BERGMAN lost.

A point of order was raised by a comrade from the valley area who stated that he wanted those present to know that one of the members of his club was illegally there because his dues were not up to date. This matter was referred to the Credentials Committee.

MICKEY LIMA then read the agenda for the conference and LEIBEL BERGMAN from the AF of L Section in San Francisco moved to amend the agenda to include an evaluation of the work of the District Committee and consider the election of new delegates to the District Committee that would strengthen the activities being conducted by this committee.

MICKEY LIMA, Chairman of the Northern California District of the CP, stated that BERGMAN was out of order and MICKEY was sustained by a vote of the delegates. LIMA also pointed out that he saw no need of evaluating the work of the District Committee and during the period that LIMA was challenged, STACK acted as chairman while the debate was going on. LIMA stated that his report would show what the District Committee had been doing.

Nominations were made and JOE GRAHAM from Santa Clara County was elected Chairman for the day. ARCHIE BROWN was nominated as Secretary but declined and STEVE MURDOCH was elected Secretary.

MICKEY LIMA then read a report which discussed the Communist Party policy in regard to the crisis in Lebanon, the U.S. relations with Egypt and Indonesia and how the Soviet Union had taken the lead in the peace offensive by such things as the suspension of nuclear tests by the Soviet Union. He pointed out that the U.S. action in the Middle East had been taken by the President under the guise that he was protecting peace and this was done without consulting Congress. He mentioned that the Northern California Committee Against Nuclear Weapons Tests was staging a demonstration in Livermore, California starting August 5, which would run through August 9, 1958 and that the comrades should support this.

LIMA also pointed out that the elections in California had shown how the voters were against KNOWLAND and that KNOWLAND's defeat was directly attributable to his stand on the right-to-work initiative. LIMA pointed out that the Party could take credit for the defeat of KNOWLAND due to the work that they had done among organized labor in California. He pointed out that there were great opportunities for the Party in taking independent political action in the First and Second Congressional Districts and that they would have to take further action in developing the independent voters in California. He pointed out that the Democratic Party had shown a 600,000 majority over the Republican vote in California and this was mainly on the right-to-work initiative. He pointed out that it had been 20 years since the democrats had been in power and intimated that the Democratic Club movement in California presented an excellent opportunity for the Party, since they were looking anywhere for members and it would be easy for the Party to move in and take the initiative. LIMA pointed out that there should be some type of independent movement in politics similar to the American Labor Party movement and that there was

a movement now under way for a United Socialist ticket in those areas where there would be some chance of success. He urged the comrades to participate in these meetings of these independent groups and to give leadership to the groups.

He pointed out that there was important work to do among labor, Negroes and agricultural workers and that two of the main points of the district program would be peace and youth work. He also pointed out that the "People's World" newspaper has a large debt and that the financial drive will run until the money needed has been raised. Also they should do everything possible to increase the circulation of the paper and the first week in October there will be a conference under the auspices of the PW to discuss peace and the right-to-work initiative and possibly the Mid-East situation.

Following LIMA's talk, which lasted for approximately 45 minutes, ROBERTA HILL from San Francisco introduced a motion that a condensed report, along with the resolutions, be mimeographed and be distributed to all clubs. This motion was passed.

During the break that followed MICKEY's talk, the San Francisco delegation caucused to name someone to the Resolutions Committee. LEIBEL BERGMAN, TOM MC PHERSON, DON THAYER, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, VALERIE GILKEY and ARCHIE BROWN were all nominated. BROWN was then elected after all the others declined.

The meeting then reconvened to discuss LIMA's report. Among those talking was RALPH IZARD, who talked about the unemployment lines and the opportunity to get the PW distributed at these unemployment lines at the various State of California Unemployment Compensation Offices.

A comrade from the San Joaquin Valley then spoke on how the Mexican nationals had been coming into that area doing the farm work and how difficult it was to organize them and the result was that the local people had become hard-pressed; that some of the Party members had been going from house to house to organize the whites and prevent these Mexicans from moving in and lowering the standard of living.



HAL, from the AF of L Section, then took the floor and criticized the District Committee and the County Committee of the CP for failure to have discussions in clubs around ideological problems in the Party. He pointed out that his AF of L Section had drawn up a resolution and that the District Committee, along with the County Committee, had stifled the reading of the document and refused to allow it to be discussed or distributed to the members of the Party.

IKE SANBONMATSU, a young Japanese-American, took the floor and told about his work among the Japanese and the organizing of a youth club in the San Francisco area. He pointed out that many of the members of this youth group did not belong to the Communist Party but had agreed to belong to a discussion group which, over the past year, has taken up many subjects and that they had now moved to a point where they were taking up things closely aligned to the Party's interests. He pointed out that the ages in this group were all 30 and below and indicated that these people are the future recruits for the Communist Party.

ARCHIE BROWN talked on peace as one of the main concentrations of the Party. He pointed out that KHRUSHCHEV had a lot of bad news for EISENHOWER whenever he made statements and had been forcing the peace issue in the world. He pointed out that KHRUSHCHEV had been taking the initiative on peace and then discussed the problems in the Middle East, pointing out that the Arabs were not Communists or pro-western but they were actually nationalists. He said as CP members we are for them now and will go along with them, but who can tell what we will do in the future after the westerners have been run out of the Middle East.

TOM MC PHERSON from San Francisco spoke and praised LIMA for the good job that had been done on the report and pointed out that he felt that youth work was one of the most important phases of the Party's work. He told how Trotskyites had been ribbing members of his club about the average age of the Party members being 50 plus. He also pointed out that San Francisco County had an active program which was actually a result of the work done by the District Committee, which pointed out again the fact that the District Committee had not been inactive. He stated that in the Maritime Club they were concentrating for 60 days on the right-to-work issues, which was one of the points suggested by the County and District

Committees and that in his union they were going to concentrate on the distribution of cards advocating a "no" vote on the right-to-work proposition on the California ballot. He also pointed out that literature on various issues had been distributed by his club under the name of the Communist Party, which is something that most groups had been afraid to do in the past.

Other people spoke on the "People's World" and China.

At approximately 1:30 PM the meeting adjourned for one-half hour for lunch. During this lunch period the various caucuses took place and RALPH IZARD requested MC PHERSON to accept the nomination to the District Committee. ARCHIE BROWN and ROBERTA HILL approached MC PHERSON regarding whether or not they should nominate HAL from the AF of L Section as they felt that the District Committee should not be stacked with people who see only as they see. ARCHIE BROWN also pointed out that he should nominate WOOD and discussion of other potentials took place regarding the San Francisco delegates and they decided to wait until later on their nominations.

The meeting reconvened and a woman spoke on how happy she was that the Communist Party was supporting the Northern California Committee Against Nuclear Tests and referred to the literature given to all delegates regarding the protest demonstration to be held at Livermore, California under the auspices of the Northern California Committee Against Nuclear Tests, August 5 through 9, 1958.

Another woman from San Jose spoke on how she works in the Negro community and how much prestige the Communist Party has gained in the Negro community by helping some of these people pay off mortgages on churches.

The chairman finally cut off the discussion and stated there would be a 15 minute report on the PW. At this point HAL from the AF of L Section took the floor and stated that it was not possible to tell the PW from any other labor paper. He also charged that letters criticizing the PW are never printed.

AL RICHMOND took the floor and pointed out that one of the reasons the AF of L quota for supporting the PW was probably down was the fact that the people in this section did not feel

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that the paper was worth-while. He pointed out that the PW had taken an excellent position on the Middle East situation which a labor paper would not do, and he generally defended the PW.

GEORGE SANDY from the PW stated that approximately 10 to 12 times as many people read the paper as there are CP members. He also pointed out that they needed \$1,400 per week between now and Labor Day in order to maintain the paper and reach all these readers with the Party program. He pointed out that there will be a Labor Day edition dated August 30, 1958 which would feature special greetings and they should get the comrades or anyone they know to use the form on the bottom-half of a letter from the PW which was left on the chair of each delegate, to submit greetings to the PW for the Labor Day edition. He also stated that a supplement would be published on October 1, 1958 on the elections in California.

In the above letter, signed by SANDY, he pointed out that to bolster labor's fight against the insidious right-to-work initiatives the PW will devote its Labor Day edition to the campaign to defeat these proposals and urged people to submit special greetings to be included in this issue and to order special bundles.

Another break was taken and following it, JIM WOOD from San Francisco gave the Credentials Committee report which showed:

Santa Clara County with 3 delegates representing 3 clubs and there were 3 District Committee members from Santa Clara County;

San Joaquin area had 4 delegates representing 4 clubs and had 2 District Committee members;

Humboldt County had 1 delegate representing 1 club and had 1 District Committee member;

San Francisco County had 18 delegates representing 13 clubs and had 4 District Committee members;

Alameda County had 12 delegates representing 8 clubs and had 3 District Committee members.

WOOD also reported in regard to the member who had been challenged because his dues were not paid, pointing out that this delegate was behind in his dues and that the challenge was in order but that the Credentials Committee had met with the club representative and they had agreed to recognize the delegate and that the club would take action to see that this violation of the rules does not happen again.

AL RICHMOND then spoke on the 16 page mimeographed report with a green first and last page entitled "Initial Report on Basic Program" which was the report of JAMES S. ALLEN for the Initiating Committee on Program to the NEC dated May 9, 1958, which points out the problem of combining Marxist-Leninist theory with American reality and how changes have taken place as American Marxists grapple with the problem of opening the road to socialism in the United States. It would up with the following action: that the general consensus of opinion is that this report provides a basis for a beginning systematic work on the program. It was decided to present the report to the members of the National Committee and others to be involved in the program preparation, for information and comment and designated a draft program committee which included leading comrades from all areas and included AL RICHMOND from this area.

RICHMOND stated that he did not intend to talk on this or the approximately 15 page mimeographed document captioned The American Road to Socialism - Program Questions, which would be published in the September, 1958 issue of Political Affairs, because the material in these had not been discussed by the District Committee and they had not had an opportunity to give it adequate study because the material had just been recently received. However, he pointed out that the delegates should take enough copies for each club member and it should be taken into the clubs for study. He stated that the questions submitted should be discussed in the clubs. He pointed out that the clubs should then pick out the parts of the document on which they wish to concentrate as this is a new program and the same material will be used in all clubs of the Communist Party throughout the United States and that all our educationals will run along the same lines, giving greater continuity and uniformity to the work of the Party.

ARCHIE BROWN then brought in motions and the rules for voting and governing the motions. These included such things as no new motions, no amendments to the motions until the motion is voted down, in pro and con discussions on the motions only one comrade may speak for the motion and one against it, if there is someone willing to speak against it; that there be a three minute time limit. Also BROWN pointed out that these motions will eventually be mimeographed and distributed to the clubs. He pointed out that the motions will be read as they had been originally received from the comrades and then they will be read as they have been condensed by the Motions Committee.

One motion was in regard to peace, calling for the District Committee to establish a Party position on peace and especially in regard to the Middle East;

Another called for the establishment of a coordinated work on the farm problems and to possibly establish a CP representative in the Stanislaus County area as their present representative is frequently away from the area;

That they establish a District Commission to coordinate youth work;

That they establish a commission to work on national minority and Negro work and formulate an effective FEPC program for the Party;

Also that the conference go on record to complete the PW drive;

That various clubs undertake to finance the distribution of the PW at unemployment compensation offices in California.

When BROWN presented a resolution calling for the District Committee to advocate certain decisions of the National Committee, WALTER STACK objected to the revision of his original resolution, which he claimed called for the District Committee members to live up to the decisions of the National Committee.

STACK charged that ARCHIE BROWN and the committee had revised it so that the substitute was not like his original resolution. STACK charged that the District Committee members, such as BILL SCHNEIDERMAN and MICKEY LIMA, have not gone along with the National Committee decisions and called for MICKEY LIMA and BILL SCHNEIDERMAN to state openly that they would support the National Convention and the National Committee of the CP in the future.

BILL SCHNEIDERMAN then took the floor, stating that he had never taken a loyalty oath and will not take one now. He pointed out that STACK was attempting to lay the groundwork for SCHNEIDERMAN's defeat were SCHNEIDERMAN to run for the National Committee again and that he will always vote for what he thinks is right. He then sat down and stated, "now you have it comrade STACK, make the most of it".

MICKEY LIMA then took the floor and stated that WALTER STACK had remained in the Party and has been trying to split the Party in every way he possibly can. He pointed out that STACK had been a disrupter at the County meetings and at this point STACK jumped up and demanded the floor, pointing out that guys like LIMA and SCHNEIDERMAN have been "piccarding it for years"; that he had been paying their wages as a Party member and he felt that they should support the National Committee.

After this discussion, the substitute motion, which was revised by BROWN and the Resolutions Committee, was eventually passed. The resolution, as finally passed, merely said that the conference would go on record to promote the National Party policy and that the conference would accept the report of MICKEY LIMA to be printed with all the motions and resolutions adopted at the conference and that this material be submitted to all clubs.

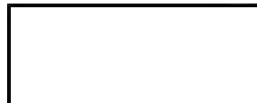
The next item was the election of individuals to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of various comrades.

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Present at the Northern California District Conference  
were the following who I know or recognized from photographs:

ARCHIE BROWN  
IKE SANBONMATSU  
TERRY GREEN  
WALTER STACK  
TOM MC PHERSON  
BILL LOWE  
BOB MAYHEW  
EMMA STERN  
FRANCIS FINK  
HAL KRAMER  
MICKEY LIMA  
ROBERTA HILL  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
HERB NUGENT  
FRANK SEGOVIA  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
DELMER BERG

VENUS THOMPSON  
ANDY NEGRO  
MANNY BROOKMAN  
ELLIS COLTON  
MARGARITE PITTMAN  
JIM WOOD  
DON THAYER  
GEORGE SANDY  
STEVE MURDOCK  
LEIBEL BERGMAN  
HAZEL LINTON  
VALERIE GILKIE  
TOM CROSTHWAITE  
AL RICHMOND  
RALPH IZARD  
VIRGINIA BLATTNER  
WILLIE LAUGHERY



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) DATE 8/14/58

FROM: SA JOHN G. GROVES

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	Meeting of the No. District of Calif. CP held Oakland, Calif. 8/3/58	8/4/58	writer	[redacted]

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The informant orally furnished the information on 8/4/58. This information was reduced to a signed statement and read and signed by the informant on 8/7/58. This statement reads as follows:

"On August 3, 1958, I attended a meeting of the Northern District of California, Communist Party, held at the St Georges Hall, 25th and Grove Streets, Oakland, California, at 10:30 A.M. I counted 72 in attendance, although I believe there were at least 30 more, who would come in and leave the hall during the meeting. There were 52 delegates at the

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 GEORGE SANDY  
 BARNE RANSOME  
 LILLIAN RANSOME 100-31391  
 LULU MAE THOMPSON  
 HOWARD THOMPSON  
 WALTER STACK  
 BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
 AL RICHMOND  
 ARCHIE MOORE  
 MICKEY LIMA 65-1242  
 DELL (LNU) Possibly DEL  
 BERG 100-27988

100-5712 (W. STACK)  
 65-381 (B. SCHNEIDERMAN)  
 100-30852 (A. RICHMOND)  
 100-51771 (I. RANSOME)  
 100-27419 (M. LIMA)  
 100-30569 (D. BERG)  
 100-56652 (N. SMITH)  
 100-33196 (H. SMITH)

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meeting representing various Communist Clubs in the District, and 29 Communist Clubs were represented. NADINE and HASKELL SMITH were there from Fresno, California as delegates from the Communist Party Club in Fresno County, no delegates were there from Tulare County. Among those from the District Committee recognized by me, were the following:

"WALTER STACK, GEORGE SANDY, AL RICHMOND, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, STEVE MURDOCK, BARNEY RANSOME, LILLIAM RANSOME, LULU MAE THOMPSON, HOWARD THOMPSON, MICKEY LIMA, ARCHIE MOORE and a party whose last name is not known to me, but whose first name is 'DELL.'

"The meeting was a 'hush-hush' affair and no one was allowed to enter the hall unless he was identified. No names were mentioned at the meeting and other than those mentioned above, I did not know the identity of others in attendance.

"MICKEY LIMA gave a two hour report on the basic program which had been drawn up by the District and State Committee of the California Communist Party regarding the planned actions and policy of the Communist Party for the coming year. Each member attending the meeting was given a fifteen type written memorandum of this program, entitled, 'Initail Report on the Basic Program, Report of JAMES S ALLEN for the initiating Committee on the program to the NEC, May 9, 1958.' This program was discussed by LIMA, who invited a discussion from the audience, regarding suggestions, as to the program before it was submitted to the National Committee for adoption. As a result of this invitation, 13 resolutions were turned in from the audience and were adopted and will be incorporated in the proposed program.

"LIMASTATED that the main purpose of the program is to make the Socialist perspective meaningful in American terms. to combine Marxist-Leninist theory with American reality, to work with Socialism, as a means of furthering the Communist Party. The purpose of the program as discussed in the memorandum mentioned above is as follows:

.'# ' the definition of socialism as a system of society should include:'

"1) A government led by the working class which is guided by a Marxist-Leninist party, with the participation in government of the Negro people, the farmers and the various middle classes----truly a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

"2) Public ownership of the basic means of production and the end of class exploitation, making possible production for use instead of profit.

"3) Public, social planning for full utilization of our resources and productive forces for the welfare of the people.

"4) Developments of the fullest economical and political democracy for the people while safe guarding socialist society against obstruction and sabotage by unreconstructed capitalists.

"5) Abolition of all forms of oppression and discrimination against the negro people and national minority groups within the country, outlawing of all acts of race prejudice and anti-Semitism, and the abolition of all exploitation and national repression of other nations whether as colonies or as otherwise dependent countries.

"6) Working class internationalism in the interests of permanent world peace, mutual aid in socialist development, and special aid to countries formerly exploited by U.S. Monopoly.'

"It was decided that the Communist Party should come out in the 'open' to infiltrate by Political Action, labor unions, youth groups, minority groups and the working class elements, against business monopolies. Suggestions were accepted from the floor to add to the program the insturcting of 'youth groups' in political affairs, and to form Youth Clubs such as the old 'Young Communist League' , and set up socialism as their policy.

"Particular stress was place with the idea of having Mass Meetings regarding the Lebanon crisis, to expose Senator KNOWLAND as a 'tool' for the capitalists and business monopolies.

"Each club was asked to organize Mass Meetings to speak out against Nuclear Tests, and to attend a meeting at Livermore California during the week of August 5th to August 9th , to picket and have a motorcade inprotest of the AEC Radiation Laboratory at Livermore, California in their Nuclear Tests.

"MICKEY LIMA stated that each Communist Party Club in California will have a 'proposal committee', the larger Clubs will be entitled to five members on their committee while the

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smaller clubs such as the Communist Party Club in Fresno, California will be limited to one member on the Committee. The proposal committee will submit suggestions to the District Committee members.

"An election was held to elect a new member to the Northern District Committee of the Communist Party. HOWARD THOMPSON and a woman whose first name is EMMA from Santa Clara, California were nominated. HOWARD THOMPSON was elected as the new member.

"It was stated that there would be a National Conference Committee Meeting in May\_1959 in San Francisco.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON stated that she will be going to Tulare California on August 22, 1958 and asked NADINE and HASKELL SMITH to attend a joint meeting of the Fresno and Tulare Communist Party Clubs on that date. She stated that possibly the meeting will take place at the home of JIM BALLARD.

"The meeting at Oakland, California was concluded at 6:30 P.M."

#### ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) Date: 8/14/58

FROM: SA JOHN G. GROVES

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY C.P.

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"August 4, 1958  
Fresno, California

"On August 3, 1958 I attended a Communist Party Meeting of the Northern District of California, held at the St George's Hall, 25th and Grove Streets, Oakland, California. Over 75 were in attendance, representing the various Communist Party Clubs in the Northern District of California. There were 52 delegates and 29 communist Party Clubs were represented.

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"NADINE and HASKELL SMITH, members of the Fresno County Communist Party, were delegates from thier Club, and were the only ones in attendance from the Southern part of the San Joaquin Valley. No one was there from the Tulare County Communist Party.

"As no names were mentioned at the meeting, the only ones recognized by me, were those from the Northern District Committee, which were GEORGE SANDY, BARNEY and LILLIAN RANSOME, LULU MAE THOMPSON, WALTER STACK, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, AL RICHMOND, ARCHIE MOORE, MICKEY LIMA and a man named DELL, whose last name I do not recall.

"The meeting started at 10:30 A.M. and lasted to 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss certain programs, to be taken in the future by the Communist Party, regarding it's activities and policy. MICKEY LIMA read a report on the basic program which had been drawn up by the District Committee and which will be sent to the National Committee for consideration. A copy of this program, was obtained by me, and is being furnish with this report. Suggestions were invited from those in attendance as resolutions, which if adopted, will be incorporated in this program. Many resolutions were made and 13 were adopted. When LIMA finished reading the program, discussions were made from the audience, regarding it's contents.

"The program deals with the Communist Party adopting 'Socialism' as a system of American Society, combining the Marxist-Leninism theory with American reality, to work with Socialism, as a means of furthering the Communist Party.

"It was further decided that the Communist Party would come out into the open, would infiltrate, under Political Action and socialism, youth groups, labor unions, minority groups and the working class groups in uniting against capitalism and business monopolies. Some of the resolutions adopted dealt with the instructing of 'Youth Groups and Students in the Educational Fields' in Political Affairs, with emplasis as to holding Mass Meetings, relative to the Lebanon Crisis, and furture wars.

"A mimeograph paper was given to those attending which was entitled ' Our Handa Are Tied', reflecting that the Northern California Committee against Nuclear Tests was holding an encampment at Livermore California from August 5th

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to August 9th, to parade and picket the production and testing of nuclear weapons at the ACE Radiation Laboratory. A copy of this paper was obtained by me and is being furnished with this report.

"Another memorandum which was obtained by me, entitled, 'Memorandum from the Northern California District Committee to the Clubs on the Fight For Peace', and is being furnished with this report.

"HOWARD THOMPSON, the husband of LULU MAE THOMPSON, was elected as a member of the Northern District Committee of the Communist Party at the meeting, defeating a woman from Santa Clara, California whose first name is EMMA. I was unable to obtain her last name.

"GEORGE SANDY made the statement at the meeting that 75% of the Peoples World Subscriptions go to non party members, that 25,000 copies a year are distributed by 'young people' who are not Communist Party members. He stated that over 12,000 new suscriptions were obtained from non party members in the State of Washington this year.

"GEORGE SANDY told me that he will be coming down to Fresno, shortly after Labor Day to have a small group meeting with only Communist Party Members and one or two who favor the Party and can be trusted.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON told me that she will be coming down to Tulare, on August 22, to have a meeting of the Tulare and Fresno County Communist Party which probably will be held at the home of JIM BALLARD."

#### ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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SA GEORGE W. SMITH

Howard Thompson

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On 8/3/58 an Enlarged District Committee Conference, CP of Northern District of California, was held at St. George Hall, 2436 Grove Street, Oakland. This conference was attended by CP delegates from clubs in the Northern District. Sources for the above information: SF 2334-S\* on 8/3/58 [redacted]

[redacted] on 8/5/58 [redacted]  
SF 1604-S on 8/6/58 [redacted]

FISUR was conducted on the Conference by the agents listed: ROLAND M. COCKER, CHESTER JACOBY, JOHN J. MC NAMARA, E. W. NELSON, HARRY F. ROTE, GEORGE W. SMITH and ERVIN THIBAUT. Agents observed and identified individuals entering and/or leaving the meeting hall during the day. Surveillance logs are filed in 100-11889JJ-1A (97). Photographs of the individuals were also obtained by SAs ROTE, THIBAUT, and SMITH.

The above named Subject was identified in attendance at the conference:

X observed by Agents Jacoby

X photographs obtained and attached for the file.

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*He departed with a woman in '53 Plymouth suburban, AGJ 594 registered to him at Rt. 1, Box 2498, Lettrop.*

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DATE: 9/22/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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<u>VICTOR SANDERS</u>	<u>100-44017</u>
<u>VICENTE VICTORINO CABEBE</u>	<u>100-31486 122-103</u>
<u>ALVIN CHARLES DAVIS</u>	<u>100-33302</u>
<u>PHILIP HUNT DAVIS</u>	<u>100-30046</u>
Purpose and results of contact	
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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

9/12/58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on September 3, 1958 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated August 28, 1958, concerns a San Joaquin County Communist Party meeting held in Lathrop, California on August 26, 1958. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

The informant can testify to the following:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 28, 1958

"The San Joaquin County Communist Party Club held a meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Tuesday evening, August 26, 1958 and the following people were present:

"HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
JACK JILBERT

"The Club Chairman, HOWARD THOMPSON opened the meeting and the first item considered was the People's World Fund Drive and HOWARD KEYLOR

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

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100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SALDY)  
100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

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said he had made some calls but he had not found people at home. He said he thought it would help to have GEORGE SANDY come up from the paper some Saturday and contact some of the people with. He agreed to write to SANDY and see what arrangements could be made.

"The next portion of the meeting was spent in a point by point discussion of the mimeographed article which will be published in the September issue of Political Affairs. At this meeting the first six questions were discussed. This article is titled 'The American Road to Socialism' and deals with program questions for the Communist Party.

"The next meeting of the Club will be held at the THOMPSON's home on Wednesday evening, September 10, 1958.

/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on September 3, 1958 and could furnish no additional information.

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CITY San Francisco, California

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*Ass't*  
Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]  
for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed:

*Robert F. Savage*  
Special Agent

Authority (date) Bulet 5-27-58

Approved:

*W. W. Burkings*  
SAC

Informant's File No.

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Robert F. Savage

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SF (100-27747)

DATE: 10-16-58

FROM : SA EDWARD J. O'FLYNN

SUBJECT: CP ORGANIZATION  
IS - C

SF-1847-S\* on 9-14-58 reported that on that date a meeting of the Northern California CP District Committee was held at 81 Clementina Street, San Francisco. Informant reported that approximately 12 members of this Committee were present and the individuals identified by informant were:

MICKY LIMA  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
AL RICHMOND  
ARCHIE BROWN

MERLE BRODSKY  
ELIZABETH NICHOLAS  
BILLIE WACHTER  
MATT CRAWFORD

LIMA acted as Chairman of this meeting and outlined the following agenda:

1. Labor (including farm matters)
2. Negro Question
3. Legislation
4. Peace
5. Youth

The above issues were not discussed in the order listed.

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cc 100-4524 (Saul Wachter)  
cc 100-27793 (Legislative Activities)  
cc 100-9720 (Negro Question)  
cc 100-25687 (Strategy in Industry)  
cc 100-27806 (Youth Matters)  
cc 100-25347 (Pamphlets & Publ)  
cc 100-25539 (CP Brief)  
cc 100-26546 (Education)  
cc 100-25347 (Political Activities)  
cc 100-30712 (Party Line)  
cc 97-26 (Bill Schneiderman)  
cc 61-415 (Al Richmond)  
cc 61-398 (Archie Brown)  
cc 101-120 (Billie Wachter)  
cc 100-21889 (Merle Brodsky)  
cc 100-1418 (Elizabeth Nicholas)

cc [redacted]  
cc [redacted] (SF-1604)  
cc 100- [redacted] (Hy Lumer)  
cc 100-4987 (Matt Crawford)

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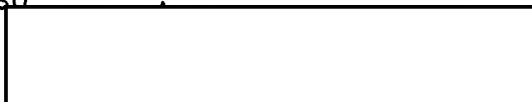
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LIMA mentioned that he received a document from the National Office which concerns the situation in the South and that the chief thing for them to do is to get action in various labor movements in regard to integration problems. LIMA was of the opinion that it was much easier to get this action in organized labor today than it was a year ago. LIMA stated that another decisive area for concentration is the Democratic Party itself. LIMA stated that he thought that they ought to have some sort of slogan which would whip up the crisis in the Far East and in Little Rock. LIMA suggested something like "Withdraw the Marines From Lebanon and Send Them to Little Rock." LIMA stated that he thought that this would dramatize the hypocrisy and foulness of the Foreign Policy of this country, such as the "brink of war policies at a time when democracy is being trampled within the country."

LIMA stated that he thought it would arouse indignation and that in regard to getting out material, he feels that the paper (PW) is the best. LIMA also suggested that they get out a leaflet from the PW which could also be used for promotion of the paper.

The Committee then discussed the integration problems in the South and took turns speaking on this problem.

BILLIE WACHTER spoke and stated that they should work in their own area on this integration question. She stated that she does not advocate just sitting on the Little Rock problem, but that when they get down to fundamentals, the schools here in California also are segregated. WACHTER said that the CP of Berkeley and the U.S. does not have the answers. She stated that they do not have the leadership to break segregation in the schools at Berkeley and anybody who thinks that they do does not know the situation and the complexity of the problem. She stated that they are

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not carrying on the ideological fight in their local communities. She stated that there are factors such as colored children from poor families living five children in a room. These children do not have the chance to study and even if they had the mentality to succeed in school, they are restricted by their environment. She said that all these things are going to take time.

AL RICHMOND, in taking the floor, stated that this is the first meeting of the District Committee in some time because of vacations, etc., and that the Northern California District Conference (8-3-58) agreed that a program committee be set up to organize the work in the District. RICHMOND stated that they ought to be thinking about what they want to do in regard to a program and what responsibilities they want to assume. RICHMOND stated that in regard to a program committee there is a group that has done some work on this question in the East Bay and that they are in direct contact with the National Program Committee. The National draft of the program committee suggested that the major districts, including ours, undertake special problems, not just special programs, but for the whole area, such as under the headings of "Negro Freedom Movement, Labor and Political Action." RICHMOND stated that it was suggested that we proceed on the organizational work of these three major sub-divisions of the Party Program. RICHMOND stated that in respect to the Negro Freedom Movement, there is a Negro Commission and it seems logical that they organize the discussions and assume the responsibility of the Negro problem. RICHMOND stated that in respect to the labor question, there is no such existing agency, but that there is a decision which was made (by the District Conference) to set up a Labor Commission. RICHMOND stated that he is not sure how quickly this group will come into being and suggested that they try to get together a group of people who will discuss that portion of the Party Program.

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RICHMOND continued by saying that on political action, the situation is worse yet as they have nothing. RICHMOND stated that it was also suggested that there may be people here who would be interested in a youth program. RICHMOND stated that if there are certain groups we should encourage them but we should not take the responsibility of organizing them.

RICHMOND suggested that they have one person from each of the major topical committees, that is one from the Negro Commission, one from Labor and one from the Political Action group, and that these three members constitute a committee, plus one person to be designated from each of the two major counties. (Reference appears to be to a Program Committee) RICHMOND continued by saying that one of the programs at this time is to get a program prepared in time for the Convention next year. RICHMOND stated that this is a big job and they should get started on it.

ARCHIE BROWN then spoke and suggested that the Northern California District should have a "bulletin" for interchange of ideas relative to this discussion and these programs. BROWN stated that these bulletins could be circulated around and see what everyone has to say. RICHMOND made a motion that the Northern California District assume the responsibility of the three major committees, the Negro Freedom Movement, Labor and Political Action. This motion was adopted without opposition.

BILLIE WACHTER then stated that she did not understand and asked if the District's responsibility will not be fulfilled through the Negro Commission. RICHMOND stated that this was correct as it was decided by the group that the Negro Commission be made responsible for Negro Freedom work and to do the necessary work.

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RICHMOND then made a motion regarding the Labor Committee and stated that \_\_\_\_\_ are now in the process of electing their representatives and that as soon as these people are elected they be called in to serve as the nucleus of a committee to organize the work on the labor section of the draft. This motion appeared to have been adopted.

RICHMOND continued by making a third proposal on political action. RICHMOND proposed that they empower somebody to get this thing together and stated that ARCHIE BROWN asked BILL (SCHNEIDERMAN) if he would undertake this thing. RICHMOND stated that there is a proposal that the two major counties each designate one person to serve on the committee. This motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

The group's discussion then returned to the question of publishing a discussion bulletin and ARCHIE BROWN asked if they are talking about postponing debate on the bulletin. LIMA explained that they are not postponing any decision on the bulletin but are referring the motion on the bulletin to the Program Committee. LIMA then called for a vote on this motion ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> was passed.

LIMA then spoke and stated that the next point is setting up the District Committee assignments. LIMA stated that they have had the District Conference (8-3-58), which adopted the main report, as well as adopting the motions presented by the Motions Committee and agreed that the District Committee should be responsible for the following phases of work: Labor, Negro, Legislation, Youth, Farm workers and Peace. It was also decided to elect an additional District post, that is an Assistant Chairman for the District.

LIMA, continuing, stated that it was also agreed that conferences should be held in certain phases of work, one is a youth conference, and there was also a motion to hold a conference on



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farm work. LIMA stated there was also a third motion to organize a conference on the circulation drive. LIMA stated that in regard to this they will have to members to be responsible for specific phases of work. LIMA stated that they will also discuss the need of setting up a board that will function between the District Committee meetings. LIMA stated that one of the decisions of the District Committee will have to decide on today is the establishment of a regular meeting date for the District Committee, and that these meetings should be held regularly regardless of what members are in or out of town. LIMA also stated that the District Board should be made responsible for selecting a small staff or executive or whatever it might be termed that could meet between meetings and prepare reports and handle certain detailed questions.

LIMA also discussed the labor field and stated that on the basis of their discussions, they (San Francisco County) are to set up a labor commission in San Francisco, composed of three representatives: one from the Longshore and one from the Warehouse. LIMA stated that in the East Bay area, there is already a labor commission functioning and that SAUL (WACHTER) has been selected as Chairman of that Committee. LIMA stated that SAUL is also the regular representative on the East Bay Board.

LIMA then discussed the Youth Conference and stated that HY LUMER will be here from 10-12-58 through 10-25-58 and has asked specifically that they hold meetings with youth as well as Party personnel on the question of youth work. LIMA stated that it is this kind of a gathering that would guarantee the completion of the setting up of the Youth Commission at the time of LUMER's visit here and that this would give them about one month's time to organize it.

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The question was then brought up about someone from Sacramento coming down for meetings. LIMA explained that he is using this comrade because this comrade is attached to the Party at large up there and has been coming down and meeting with some of the \_\_\_\_\_. LIMA stated that it creates certain problems, but that the comrade is still a member of the Party and is attached at large.

Unknown man commented that he just wondered why we shouldn't have a comrade involved in this work and it seemed to unknown man that "he" is right now involved in this work. LIMA stated that the person referred to is not a member of the District Committee. LIMA suggested, regarding all the commissions, that there is a possibility of drawing in other people who are not members of the District Committee and that they should be utilized where possible.

LIMA stated that their concern now is to get some member of the District Committee designated to be responsible to get the work started and then pull together the necessary comrades to make up the full commission. LIMA stated that he took this up with ELIZABETH (NICHOLAS) and she felt that he was not physically in the best condition to do it now, but they did not foreclose the idea of non-members of the District Committee heading up some of these commissions. LIMA made a motion, which was adopted that the Negro Commission continue as is, pending further discussion and that representation be obtained from Sonoma, Sacramento and Santa Clara Counties.

In regard to the prior discussion concerning the organization of the District Staff, which would be responsible to the District Board, the people on the staff currently are LIMA, RICHMOND, SCHNEIDERMAN, BRODSKY and NICHOLAS. LIMA stated that this is the state group functioning as the Northern California District Staff and is responsible to the District Board.

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LIMA then made the proposals of the question of the Youth Commission being referred to the Youth Conference to be held and that the farm matters be referred to the conference responsible for that work.

A survey was then made of the committee members present and they agreed that the third Friday and third Saturday of each month would be the scheduled dates for District Committee meetings.

The last point on the agenda was setting up a sub-committee on factionalism within the area. Charges have been made that factions exist of the ultra left and ultra right variety and that informal gatherings have been held. A sub-committee can begin gathering facts on this and they can begin to pin down these facts and determine what action is necessary for the Party to hold its strength.

It was suggested that a sub-committee of three people be formed to gather this information and that one of these persons be from the East Bay. This motion was adopted.

#### RECOMMENDATION

No action, for information regarding the Party's program and activities on the various topics as indicated in channelization.

[redacted] to SA R. F. SAVAGE for  
his information regarding informants.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/20/58

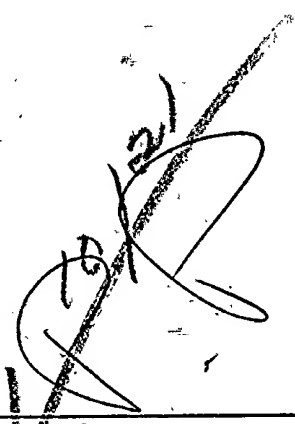
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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert H. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (date) Bulet 5-27-58

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W. W. Burke  
SAC

Informant's File No.

By Whom Robert H. Savage

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

10/27/58

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/15/58 by [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 10/14/58, concerns a CP meeting held at Lathrop, California, on 10/12/58 for the purpose of organizing a Farm Labor Committee for Northern California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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The Informant can testify to the following:

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
October 14, 1958

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the Howard Thompson home on Sunday, October 12, 1958. It was called by Lulu Mae Thompson and Joe Morris, Northern California District Committee members, and was for the purpose of organizing a Farm Labor Committee for Northern California. The meeting was attended by the following people:

ccs:

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[ ] (SF 1604-S)

100-5867 (JOE GRAHAM)  
100-27348 (BARNEY DEVETO)  
100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-14418 (ELIZ. NICOLAS)  
100-20016 (STEVE MURDOCK)  
100-31335 (DAVE FORBES)  
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100-4418 (JACK MONTGOMERY)  
100-33359 (ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATIONS)  
100-27792 (FARMERS MATTERS)  
100-28630 (STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

8-cc: LOS ANGELES (REG)

[ ]  
100-22798 (JIM BALLARD)  
100-48482 (BUD DILLON)  
100-16828 (FRESNO CP)  
100-16827 (TULARE CP)  
100-28272 (FRANK GEORGE)  
(TIM [ ])

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"Joe Graham (This is apparently the name being used by the person formerly referred to as Joe Morris. He introduced himself to some of those present by this name and also used it when giving his address to the members of the Committee)

Barney DeVeto  
Lillian Ransome  
Howard Keylor  
Delmer Berg  
Elizabeth Nicolaus  
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Nadine and Haskell Smith

"Joe Graham opened the meeting at about 10:30 AM and he asked Delmer Berg to make a report on the start which was made toward organizing farm workers in Stanislaus County this summer. Following this report there was general discussion of the problems involved in organizing farm workers and what the aims of the committee should be. It was agreed that it was more of a job than the Communist Party could handle alone and it would require the aid of some other organization. Those suggested were the Teamsters and Cannery Workers, but it was also agreed that a committee should be organized and the statistics necessary be gathered and a basic plan formulated before approaching anyone else. Those appointed to the committee were:

"Joe Graham, Chairman  
Delmer Berg  
Howard Thompson  
Howard Keylor  
Haskell Smith  
Barney DeVeto

"It was also decided that the Committee would ask the District Committee to approve the addition of the following to the Committee:

"Jim Ballard  
Steve Murdock  
Dave Forbes  
Jack Montgomery

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"The Committee decided to aim for a Conference on Farm Labor in January. They will also ask Bud Dillon to assist the Committee indirectly in gathering statistics. The next meeting of the group will be held on Sunday, November 30, 1958, at the Thompson home.

"The meeting adjourned at about 1:30 PM and Lulu Mae Thompson served lunch to the group. While they were preparing lunch, Nadine Smith told Lulu Mae Thompson that they were planning on coming up for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section meeting on October 19th and that she thought that Bud Dillon and "Tim", their former member who has just recently rejoined them would also be able to come. She said this is their entire Club at the present time, since Frank George still does not attend meetings.

"/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/16/58 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: NOV 4 1958  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on October 24, 1958, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated October 22, 1958, concerns a meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party held at Lathrop, California, on October 19, 1958. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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THE INFORMANT CAN TESTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
October 22, 1958

" The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party of Northern California held a meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, October 19, 1958, and the following people were present at the meeting:

5-cc: LOS ANGELES (REG)

[redacted]

100-22798 (JAMES BALLARD)  
100-35873 (CHARLES WILLIAMS)  
100-28272 (FRANK GEORGE)

cc: [redacted] SF 1604-S)

65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
100-27348 (BERNARD DE VETO)  
100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)  
100-30046 (PHIL DAVIS)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

100-28425 (LEILA NOLAND)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-44247 (UNITED SOCIALIST  
ELECTORAL FORUM  
COMM.)  
100-25347 (CP POLITICAL  
ACTIVITIES)  
100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN  
INDUSTRY)  
100-30717 (CP PARTY LINE)  
100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
100-9720 (CP NEGRO QUESTION)  
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BARNEY DE VETO  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
PHIL DAVIS  
DELMER BERG  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD KEYLOR  
JIM BALLARD  
CHUCK WILLIAMS  
NADINE and HASKELL SMITH  
LEILA NOLAND

"LULU MAE THOMPSON opened the meeting at about 11:15 AM and gave a report on the Northern District Conference which was held in Oakland. She also announced that GEORGE SANDY had asked her to congratulate the Section because, as a whole, they had exceeded their quota for the fund drive by a larger percentage than any other group. She also reported that the People's World Bazaar chairman is very pleased with the idea of a "button bar" and they are collecting buttons in the Bay Area for it. At SANDY's request LULU MAE also asked JIM BALLARD for oranges for the Bazaar and he stated he hopes to donate a car full.

"At the conclusion of these reports, the chairman called on MICKIE LIMA to report on the District and its activities and this report was followed by a discussion of program and also the economic situation by HY LUMER.

"During lunch, MICKIE LIMA, LULU MAE THOMPSON and NADINE SMITH arranged to hold a meeting at the THOMPSON home on Sunday, November 2, 1958, at 11:00 AM to complete the hearing of the charges and appeal for FRANK GEORGE. MICKIE stated that if he could not be present he would appoint someone from the District to represent him and report to the District.

"MICKIE had copies of the Communist Party Election Statement with him and he sold several hundred

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copies after lunch (copy enclosed). He also distributed copies of the Supplement issued by The Worker which has articles by GEORGE MORRIS on the AFL-CIO merger. He stated that, for a fee of 10¢ a name the District would mail a copy of this supplement, a copy of the Party labor policy statement and a covering letter from San Francisco to persons suggested by the areas.

"MICKIE made a short report on the United Socialist Electoral Forums Committee. This committee has been an outgrowth of the HOLLAND ROBERTS campaign committee. According to MICKIE, the Communist Party members who have been attending their meetings are keeping the Trotskyites from gaining control in this committee.

"A report on the Farm Labor Commission which was organized for the District on October 12th was made by DELMER BERG. JIM BALLARD was asked to serve on the Commission and he said he would do what he could, but he would be unable to travel to attend meetings.

"Elections were held to get representatives to the Negro Commission and the Labor Commission. HOWARD KEYLOR, with DELMER BERG as alternate, were sent to the Negro Commission and HOWARD THOMPSON will serve on the Labor Commission.

"The Section will hold its next regular meeting at the THOMPSON home on Sunday, January 25th."

/s/

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was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on October 27, 1958, and could furnish no additional information.

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CITY San Francisco, California

DATE

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI,

for information concerning the case entitled

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Signed:

Special Agent

Authority (date)

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Approved:

W. W. Burkens  
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By Whom

Robert G. Savage

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 11/10/58

FROM : ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
JACK JILBERT

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97-27 (PW)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
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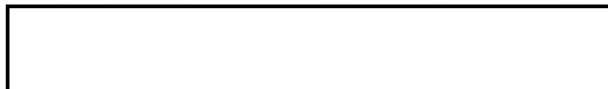
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"The meeting was opened by the Chairman, HOWARD THOMPSON at about 7:45 PM. The first item on the agenda called for a report from LULU MAE THOMPSON on the last District Committee and Section meetings.

"HOWARD THOMPSON and HOWARD KEYLOR then reported that a Farm Labor Commission for the District had been formed. This was followed by a report on the People's World Fund Drive and the THOMPSONs stated that they had donated another \$10.00 to the Club's quota. KEYLOR then told LULU MAE THOMPSON that VINCE CABEEBE has returned to Stockton and she said that she would report this to GEORGE SANDY and he had requested.

"HOWARD THOMPSON and HOWARD KEYLOR decided that they would go out on Monday evening, October 27th to distribute the Party's election statement.

"The next meeting of the Club will be held on Friday evening, November 7th and the time will be devoted to a discussion of Labor in an effort to make a contribution to the writing of a Party program.

"/s/

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on November 4, 1958, and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/10/58

FROM : SA WARREN W. RICHMOND

SUBJECT: HOWARD O. THOMPSON  
Security Informant

52-6485

Howard Arsen Thompson

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SF 1851-S\* advised on 11/5/58 that on that day MICKEY LIMA contacted THOMPSON in Manteca, California, in an effort to have him attend a meeting at the PW on Sunday evening. According to LIMA, this was a meeting of a commission, not otherwise identified at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: For information. On another occasion, this informant advised that the meeting LIMA was referring to as taking place at 8 p.m. at the paper was the first meeting of the Trade Union Commission.

For information and corroboration with information received from other informants.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 11/24/58


FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Dates of Contact <u>10/27/58; 11/4,5,12,24/58</u>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
<u>CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIF.</u>	<u>100-11889</u>
<u>CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY</u>	<u>100-21286</u>
<u>CP STANISLAUS COUNTY</u>	<u>100-20388</u>
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive <u>10/27/58; 11/4,5,12,24/58</u>	
	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
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CA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

PEOPLE'S WORLD  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to CA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/24/53 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report dated 11/21/53, concerns activities of the Communist Party members in the San Joaquin Valley on behalf of the PW. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
November 21, 1953

"LEILA WELAND arrived at the HELEN THOMPSON home on Tuesday afternoon, November 18, 1953, for a visit. On Wednesday, November 19th, LEILA and LULU MAE THOMPSON went to Sacramento to visit MARIE CORIN and they spent the day preparing buttons for the 'Button Bar' that will be sponsored by the Sacramento and San Joaquin Clubs at the People's World Bazaar. LEILA stayed with the THOMPSONS on Wednesday night and left for home on Thursday morning.

"Shortly after LEILA WELAND left the THOMPSONS, GEORGE SANDY of the People's World stopped at their home. He told LULU MAE THOMPSON that he was on his way to visit with ARNEST GUNN to ask him to loan the paper some money. He asked LULU MAE if she thought this would be all right. She stated she couldn't see any thing wrong in asking for a loan from GUNN.

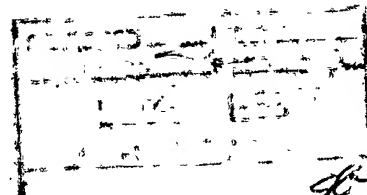
"SANDY had lunch with the THOMPSONS and during lunch they all discussed the plans for the Bazaar and what materials would be available from the valley area.

"/s/ [redacted]

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EF 1661-S  
LEILA WELAND  
MARIE CORIN  
GEORGE SANDY  
ARNEST GUNN  
CP FUNDS



[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/1/50 and could furnish no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) - Date 11/10/58

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY CP  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted]	who Mtg. of Dist. CP at Lathrop, Calif. on 10/19/58	10/23/58	writer	[redacted]

has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed

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Informant orally furnished information on 10/23/58. This information was reduced to a statement on 10/24/58 and read and signed by the informant on 10/29/58.

Informant's report is as follows:

"October 24, 1958  
Fresno, California

"On October 19, 1958 I attended a Communist Party District Meeting held at the residence of LULU MAE THOMPSON in Lathrop, California. The following individuals attended:

JIM BALLARD  
CHUCK WILLIAMS  
HASKELL SMITH

cc: [redacted]

9-SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)  
(LILLIAN RANSOME)  
(BARNEY)  
(DEL BERG)  
(HOWARD KEYLOR)  
(LELA THOMPSON)  
(MICKEY LIMA)  
(LULU MAE THOMPSON)  
(HOWARD THOMPSON)  
(VINCENT HALLINAN)

100-22798 (J. BALLARD) (SI)  
100-35873 (C. WILLIAMS) (SI)  
100-31391 (L. RANSOME)  
100-27988 (D. BERG)  
65-1242 (M. LIMA)  
100-56652 (N. SMITH) (SI)  
100-33196 (H. SMITH) (SI)  
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NADINE SMITH  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
BARNEY (last name unknown)  
DEL (last name unknown)  
HOWARD KEYLOR  
LELA THOMPSON  
MICKEY LIMA  
HY LUMER  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD THOMPSON

An individual about 50 years of age. Had mustache and glasses. Claimed to be a newspaper writer. Believed to be from near Tracy, Cal.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON was chairman of the meeting.

"The program was as follows:

"LULU MAE THOMPSON gave a report on the Oakland conference for the benefit of those present who had not previously heard such a report.

"MICKEY LIMA then gave a report on the results of his tour through the state to visit the various clubs and determine what progress they were making. Among other things he stated that one meeting at Eureka, Calif. had 83 in attendance and another in Marin County had 30 present. To the best of my recollection LIMA stated that the Eureka meeting was a joint meeting with the Trotskyite group in an effort to get that group 'back into the fold'. Attorney HALLINAN was present at that meeting.

"LIMA pointed out that the CP is going through a new state now in which the members are working instead of squabbling. He stated that even some of the New York writers' group are coming back to working with the CP. He stated further that some labor leaders are now approaching CP leaders for advice. LIMA summarized his talk with the statement that the party will have to strictly follow the Marx and Lenin principles because no other path will achieve the party objective.

"HY LUMER then gave a talk on the new CP program. He also discussed the present economic situation and predicted millions of unemployed. He stated that he doubted that there was any peaceful road to socialism although he added that 'revolution' did not necessarily mean open overthrow of the government.

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"DEL also reported on the farm labor meeting for the benefit of those who had not attended this meeting on October 12, 1958 at LULU MAE THOMPSON's residence."

ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) Date 11/5/58  
 FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS  
 SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted]	who Mtg. of CP re farm labor problem reliable info-- at Lathrop, Calif. on 10/12/58 past and whose identity should be concealed	10/15/58	writer	[redacted]

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Informant orally furnished information on 10/15/58. This information was reduced to a statement on 10/16/58 and read and signed by the informant on 10/23/58.

The statement is as follows:

"October 16, 1958

"On October 12, 1958 I attended a meeting of a Communist Party group held at the residence of LULU MAE THOMPSON in Lathrop, California. The subject of the meeting was farm labor problems. Those present were:

LULU MAE THOMPSON  
 HOWARD THOMPSON  
 HASKELL SMITH  
 NADINE SMITH  
 JOE from Santa Clara

cc: [redacted]

11- SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)  
 (LULU MAE THOMPSON)  
 (HOWARD THOMPSON)  
 (JOE [redacted])  
 (ELIZABETH [redacted])  
 (LILLIAN RANSOME)  
 (BARNEY [redacted])  
 (DEL. BERG [redacted])  
 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
 (JACK MONTGOMERY)  
 (DAVE FORBES)  
 (STEVE MURDOCK)

100-22798 (J. BALLARD) *SI*  
 100-48482 (B. DILLON) *SI*  
 100-33196 (H. SMITH) *SI*  
 100-56652 (N. SMITH) *SI*

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ELIZABETH from Santa Clara  
LILLIAN RANSOME from Yuba, Cal.  
BARNEY from Marysville  
DEL, a farm laborer, from Stanislaus County.  
HOWARD KEYLOR, Stockton, Calif. longshoreman.

"JOE led most of the discussion. It was decided that a committee of six should coordinate the efforts of the group led by JOE. The other five members are HOWARD KEYLOR, Stockton; DEL, Stanislaus County; HASKELL SMITH, Madera County to Kern County; BARNEY, Marysville; HOWARD THOMPSON, Lathrop.

"Coworkers were also named to assist the committee members. These included JIM BALLARD; JACK MONTGOMERY; DAVE FORBES. ELIZABETH was named to help JOE; LULU MAE to help HOWARD THOMPSON; NADINE to help HASKELL SMITH; and LILLIAN RANSOME to help BARNEY.

"STEVE MURDOCK and BUD DILLON were named as consultants.

"It was decided that the next farm labor meeting would be held on November 30. Meanwhile every effort would be made to obtain all possible facts and statistics relating to employment by races, unemployment, union reaction to the farm problem, price spreads between the farm producer and the consumer, and other data. Further efforts would be made to solicit the support of the Catholics in this field. JOE mentioned that he has a friend who is a Catholic priest near San Jose and that he would solicit this priest's support in any program the CP might adopt. HOWARD THOMPSON also mentioned that he has a friend who is a Catholic priest in Stockton and that he too would solicit this support as part of the CP strategy to enlist the Catholic backing in this farm program."

#### ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) Date 11/5/58

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY  
IS-C

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	Mtg. of CP re farm labor problem at Lathrop, Calif. on 10/12/58	10/15/58	writer	[redacted]

Informant orally furnished information on 10/15/58. This information was reduced to a statement on 10/16/58 and read and signed by the informant on 10/23/58.

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The statement is as follows:

"October 16, 1958

"On October 12, 1958 I attended a meeting of a Communist Party group held at the residence of LULU MAE THOMPSON in Lathrop, California. The meeting was called to deal with farm labor problems. LULU MAE THOMPSON was actual chairman of the meeting but at its beginning she turned the meeting over to JOE, last name unknown to me although I believe it to be GRAHAM.

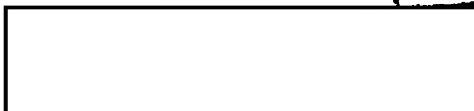
cc: [redacted]

11-SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)  
(LULU MAE THOMPSON)  
(HOWARD THOMPSON)  
(JOE)  
(ELIZABETH)  
(LILLIAN RANSOME)  
(BARNEY)  
(DEL Bae)  
(HOWARD KEYLOR)  
(JACK MONTGOMERY)  
(DAVE FORBES)  
(STEVE MURDOCK)

100-22798 (J. BALLARD) *SI*  
100-48482 (B. DILLON) *SI*  
100-33196 (H. SMITH) *SI*  
100-56652 (N. SMITH) *SI*

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"Those present at the meeting were:

HOWARD KEYLOR, a longshoreman from the Stockton, Calif. area.

DEL, last name unknown, a Stanislaus County farm laborer.

BARNEY, last name unknown, from Marysville, Calif. area.

LILLIAN RANSOME from Yuba, Calif. area.

ELIZABETH, last name unknown, from Santa Clara, Calif.

JOE, last name unknown, also from Santa Clara, Calif.

LULU MAE THOMPSON

HOWARD THOMPSON

HASKELL SMITH, from Fresno, Calif.

NADINE SMITH, from Fresno, Calif.

"This was an open discussion type of meeting as to how to approach the farm labor problem. ELIZABETH from Santa Clara and HASKELL SMITH both agreed that it was not going to be any simple task both of whom recalled the CIO Agricultural Union problems of the 1930's. They stated that the problem would take long and careful study and preparation.

"It was agreed that the problem should be approached from four different angles, namely:

- '1. Research.
- '2. Trade Union strategy and tactics.
- '3. Political strategy.
- '4. Farmers.

"JOE was appointed chairman of a six-man committee to study the problem. The other five are HOWARD KEYLOR, Stockton area; DEL, Stanislaus County area; HASKELL SMITH, Madera County south to Kern County; BARNEY, Marysville area; HOWARD THOMPSON, Lathrop area.

"Coworkers were also named including JIM BALLARD, JACK MONTGOMERY, DAVE FORBES. LILLIAN RANSOME was designated to help BARNEY; NADINE SMITH to help HASKELL SMITH; LULU MAE THOMPSON to help HOWARD THOMPSON, and ELIZABETH to help JOE.

"BUD DILLON and STEVE MURDOCK were names as consultants.

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"An important meeting in this regard with CP executives and PW representatives present will be held sometime in January, 1959."

ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with the above has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) Date 11/10/58

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY CP  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	Mtg. of Dist. CP at Lathrop, Calif. on 10/19/58	10/23/58	writer	[redacted]
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Informant orally furnished information on 10/23/58. This information was reduced to a statement on 10/24/58 and read and signed by the informant on 10/29/58.

Informant's report is as follows:

"October 23, 1958  
Fresno, California

"On October 19, 1958 I attended a Communist Party District Meeting held in Lathrop, California at the residence of LULU MAE THOMPSON. The following persons were in attendance:

LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD THOMPSON,

cc: [redacted]

9-SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)  
(LILLIAN RANSOME)  
(BARNEY [redacted])  
(DEL BERG)  
(HOWARD KEYLOR)  
(LELA THOMPSON)  
(MICKEY LIMA)  
(LULU MAE THOMPSON)  
(HOWARD THOMPSON)  
(VINCENT HALLINAN)  
1-NEW YORK (REGISTERED)  
(HY LUMER)

100-22798 (J. BALLARD) (SI)  
100-35873 (C. WILLIAMS) (SI)  
100-31391 (L. RANSOME)  
100-27988 (D. BERG)  
65-1242 (M. LIMA)  
100-56652 (N. SMITH) (SI)  
100-33196 (H. SMITH) (SI)

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HY LUMER  
MICKEY LIMA  
LELA THOMPSON  
HOWARD KEYLOR

An individual about 50 years of age. Had mustache and glasses. Claimed to be a newspaper writer. Believed to be from near Tracy, Calif.

DEL (last name unknown)  
BARNERY (last name unknown)  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
NADINE SMITH  
HASKELL SMITH  
CHUCK WILLIAMS  
JIM BALLARD

"The agenda was as follows:

"LULU MAE THOMPSON reported on the Oakland conference for those who had not previously heard such a report.

"MICKEY LIMA gave an optimistic report on the results of his tour of the various CP clubs in California.

"HY LUMER gave a talk on the new CP program. He stated that a national conference is being planned soon to adopt a policy and tentative party program. He stated that this time the party leaders are not going to write it out and send it out as official but instead will send out a tentative draft to all clubs and ask for constructive criticism and suggestions after studying it and thinking it over for possibly as long as a year before arriving at a final version. He pointed out that there are several different definitions going around as to just what 'socialism' is. He stated that an effort would be made to show the members what real socialism is. He gave a report on the current economic situation in the United States pointing out that there is now more production but less employment due to technology and automation replacing labor. He anticipated a severe depression with millions of unemployed will occur before the people will wake up to the inevitability of socialism. He added that it is doubtful that any peaceful road to socialism exists but that revolution does not necessarily mean the open overthrow of the government.

"DEL reported on the farm labor meeting held on October 12, 1958 to those who had not attended the meeting in Lathrop on that date. He stated that all of the committees appointed at that meeting were accepted by the CP State Committee"

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ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information concerning the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 12/8/58

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26388)

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES  
STANISLAUS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on November 24, 1958, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report dated November 21, 1958, encloses three pieces of correspondence regarding the transfer of COLE and BONNIE ROBERTSON from California to Washington. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
November 21, 1958

"On Sunday evening, November 16, 1958, HOWARD THOMPSON brought a letter to LULU MAE THOMPSON from MICKIE LIMA. Enclosed are the two slips the envelope contained.

3 Seattle RM

1- BURT NELSON  
1- COLE ROBERTSON  
1- BONNIE ROBERTSON

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9 San Francisco

1- [redacted]  
1- 65-1242 MICKIE LIMA  
(12) [redacted] SF 1604-S  
1- [redacted]  
1- [redacted]  
1- 100-27988 DELMER BERG  
1- 100-30046 PHIL DAVIS  
1- 100-30040 HARRIET DAVIS  
1- 100-26388 CP, STANISLAUS COUNTY

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"LULU MAE THOMPSON made several attempts to contact DELMER BERG but was unable to do so. He called HOWARD THOMPSON on Wednesday and HOWARD told him that LULU MAE Wished to see him. He appeared at the THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, November 20th and wrote the enclosed statement to be sent to BURT NELSON. LULU MAE THOMPSON suggested that it might be best if she typed his statement to be sent through the mail and BERG agreed.

"BERG stated that PHIL DAVIS has denied receiving the money that ROBINSON claims was sent to him by registered mail. BERG also said that HARRIET DAVIS told him that the DAVIS' have a deal pending on their paper, and if it goes through they will probably leave this area.

"/s/

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"2. Check with Northern Cal:

"ROBBIE (COE) and BONNIE ROBERTSON

left PATTERSON ... Aug '57

References: PHIL DAVIS, Empire, Cal (Empire News)

DELL BERG, Modesto

Part of Stanislaus County

When they left, he took club funds with him, but mailed them back to DAVIS in a registered letter."

"I will have to get this over to the valley. I have the impression that they are in touch with these people. I will ask them to check and will simply write to you of an o.k. or not without using names.

"I received the enclosed from Washington. Would you drop them a note - without names - either clearing these people for transfer, or else tell them that they are not clear and what will be necessary to get clearance - Don't use names. TTT L. Mail it to: BURT NELSON, 1218 Westlake North - Box 25, Seattle, 9. Wh."

"The Dist. Com. will meet this coming Friday evening at 8 P.M. at the FW office. The main discussion will be on the results of the elections and where we go from here. Please let me know if you CANNOT make the meeting. /s/ ML"

"From Stanislaus County:

"I begin with \_\_\_ I feel that these People are fundamentally in sympathy with our principles and aims tho much effort was made to involve them in mass work very little was accomplished. They were quite inconsistent. At the same time an effort was made to help them raise their level of theoretical understanding. They showed very little interest in this matter. They were very unsettled here. I hesitate to make an estimate of the reasons. If they have finally become settled there. I know of no reason why they should not be kept in contact. It is possible that by now some progress could be made in assimilating them into the general activity. While they made very little contribution I do not feel that they were harmfull only that much of the time spent in trying to integrate them into the general activity here could probably have been spent to better advantage at other activities

"Concerning the financial matter. It seems there is no reason it couldn't have been settled before they left. Tho the sum was trivial, the principal of course was serious. Alto there seems, tho they recollection is dim, that there was other fund aspect involved. My feeling is that it is something that can be overlooked if it doesn't develop a pattern, tho a fuss was made about it here by others than myself which I don't exactly go along with. About the money being returned that is something not possible to clear up in my estimation because of the people involved."

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on December 1, 1958, that note regarding ROBBIE and BONNIE ROBERTSON is from CP in State of Washington. Writing on back of this note and second note was made by MICKIE LIMA, Chairman of CP in Northern California. Page "From Stanislaus County!" was written by DELMER BERG, Chairman of Stanislaus County CP and is in handwriting of BERG.

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CITY San Francisco, California

DATE                     

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

                      
for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

                      
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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (date) SFlet. 9-17-58

Approved: WFB  
SAC

Informant's File No.                     

                     By Whom Robert F. Savage

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DEC 19 1958

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on December 5, 1958, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated December 3, 1958, concerns a meeting of the Farm Labor Commission of the Communist Party of Northern California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
December 3, 1958

"The Farm Labor Commission of the Northern California District Communist Party held a meeting on Sunday, November 30, 1958 at the Howard Thompson home, and the following people were present for the meeting:

"Fran Fink  
Joe Graham (Morris)  
Howard Thompson  
Delmer Berg

"Lulu Mac Thompson sat in on some of the meeting, but she spent most of the time preparing lunch for the group.

"There was a very lengthy discussion of the problems involved in the organization of the farm laborers and the members of the Commission decided that the Communist Party should play the role of working in the background in all organizations which are supporting the move to organize farm labor, but to try to influence all these groups to work with and support the Teamsters, if they can

cc: 1- 100-11889

1- [redacted]

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1- 100-33359

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(SF 1604-S)

(CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGS.)

(CP FARMERS MATTERS) 1- 100-27711 (BILL REICH)

(CP ORGANIZATION)

(CP PARTY LINE)

(CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

(JOE GRAHAM)

(FRANCIS FINK)

(DELMER BERT)

(HOWARD KEYLOR)

(STEVE MURDOCK)

(DAVE FORBES)

1- 100-4418 (JACK MONTGOMERY)

1- 97-27 (PW)

1- 100-15289 (ALBERT COLLINS)

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be persuaded to take up the fight, because they are the largest and strongest grouping in organized labor.

"While this discussion was going on, Joe Morris asked Howard Thompson to ask Howard Keylor if he is acquainted with Albert Collins, who he knew as a former Party member and who is supposed to be working in Stockton as a Longshoreman.

"This Commission came to the conclusion that it would be necessary to hold a Conference to bring their decisions before the Party and it was scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 1959, if the District Committee approves. It will be held in the offices of the People's World and will be made up of the members of the Farm Labor Commission, their advisors, Dave Forbes, Steve Murdoch and Jack Montgomery, the Labor Commission for Northern California, and any other Party members who are interested in this problem. Joe Graham will be Chairman of the Conference and Delmer Berg will make the opening remarks.

"/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on December 5, 1958, and could furnish no additional information.

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TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/23/58

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Dates of Contact		12/1,5,11,16,17,22/58
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		100-11889
CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY		100-21286
W & TAYLOR		100-32557
Purpose and results of contact.		
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*Asst.*  
Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

for  information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed:

*Robert F. Savage*  
Special Agent

Authority (date) SFlet 9-17-58

Approved:

*W. W. Burke*  
SAC

Informant's File No.

By Whom Robert F. Savage

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TO : SAC,

DATE: 1/20/59


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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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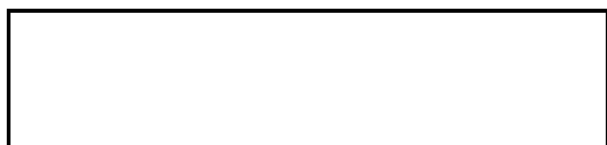
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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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Personal Data	<div>Rating <u>Outstanding</u></div> <div>Coverage <u>CP in Northern California</u></div>

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

1/30/59

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/16/59 by [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/14/59, concerns a meeting of the San Joaquin County Communist Party held at Lathrop, California on 1/13/59. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"January 14, 1959

"The Communist Party Club of San Joaquin County met at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Tuesday evening, January 13, 1959 and the following people were in attendance:

"JACK JILBERT  
HOWARD AND LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD KEYLOR

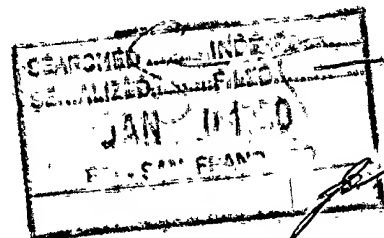
"HOWARD THOMPSON opened the meeting and dues were collected for the following people:

"JACK JILBERT  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

"LULU MAE THOMPSON read a statement on Unity in the Party which was issued by the National Executive Committee.

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1 - [ ] (SF 1604-S)  
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1 - 100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
1 - 100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
1 - 100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
1 - 100-25035 (CP FUNDS)  
1 - 97-27 (PW)  
1 - 100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

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"A call was then read to a People's World Conference on Sunday, January 18, 1959 and the Club decided it would not be able to be fully represented, but the THOMPSON's stated that they will be able to attend. After some discussion, the Club set a quota of \$100.00 and seven new subscriptions as their goals in the upcoming combined drive.

"The Club voted unanimously to support the National Committee in their decision to hold the National Convention in November.

"The Chairman announced that the Party Constitution requires the election of officers in January and it was voted to keep the present officers since they have only served a few months.

"A report on the Farm Labor Conference was made by the THOMPSONs and then HOWARD KEYLOR reported that he has attended one meeting of the District Negro Commission and that the next meeting of this Commission will be on January 30th.

"The final report to the Club was made by JACK JILBERT and he reported that he is writing many letters on Trade with China to the Pacific Coast Congressional leaders and also he is getting results from letters written to the 'Letters from the People' Columns in the 'Capitalist Press'.

"This Club will meet again on Wednesday evening, February 4, 1959.

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was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/16/59 and could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 1/30/59

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/16/59 by [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/14/59, concerns a meeting of the CP Northern District of California Farm Labor Commission held at San Francisco, California on 1/11/59. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 14, 1959

"The Farm Labor Commission of the Communist Party of Northern California held a Conference on Sunday, January 11, 1959 in the offices of the People's World. The following

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cc: [ ] SF 1604-S) 100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
[ ] 100- (BILL WRIGHT)  
100-5867 (JOE GRAHAM)  
100-1418 (ELIZ. NICHOLAS) 1 cc: LOS ANGELES (REG)  
100-22198 (FRANCIS FINK) [ ]  
100-23999 (BOB LINDSEY)  
100-31335 (DAVE FORBES) READ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
100-34591 (GRACE FORBES) REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-27348 (BARNEY DEVETO)  
100-20016 (STEVE MURDOCK)  
100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)

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people were present for the meeting:

MICKIE LIMA  
STEVE MURDOCK  
JOE GRAHAM  
FRAN FINK  
ELIZABETH NICOLAUS  
BOB LINDSEY  
DAVE and GRACE FORBES  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HASKELL SMITH  
BARNEY DEVETO  
BILL WRIGHT  
DELMER BERG

"JOE GRAHAM, the Chairman of the Farm Labor Commission, opened the meeting at about 10:00 20 AM and he was elected Chairman of the Conference. ELIZABETH NICOLAUS was then elected to serve as the Secretary of the Conference.

"The Chairman then called on DELMER BERG to give the main report on the Conference. This report was concerned with the farm workers and their living conditions, wages and housing, the use of foreign workers, the position of the farmer and the possibilities for organization of farm labor. After DELMER's report, STEVE MURDOCK reported on the legislation which might help farm labor and he recommended the following legislative action:

- "1. That the Party make an effort to see that the proposed State minimum wage law does not exclude farm workers.
2. Encourage the passage of a Workmen's Compensation Law for all workers.
3. Encourage extension of the Industrial Welfare Code to cover women and children in agriculture.
4. Extension of Unemployment and Disability Insurance to cover agricultural workers.
5. Try to have the proposed FEPC law extended to cover agricultural workers.

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- "6. Encourage the enforcement of all existing labor laws.
7. Encourage a law to transfer the administration of the Needy-Aid program to the State instead of the Counties.
8. Recommend that a special education program be provided for the children of migratory workers.
9. Recommend the extension of Child Care Centers to rural areas.
10. Recommend tighter regulation of Farm Labor Contractors and stricter safety regulations for labor transportation.
11. See that all future legislation involving workers employed in intra-state commerce applies to agricultural workers, also.

"Following lunch, BOB LINDSEY gave a report on Public Law #78. He concluded his report with the following ideas for Party action:

"Make an effort to have the law changed so that the availability of local labor be established at public hearings.

"That prevailing wages for agricultural workers be established at public hearings.

"That everything possible be done to to see that all the present provisions of the law are strictly enforced, which would cut some of the gains now enjoyed by the farmers thru the employment of imported labor.

"At the conclusion of this report a motion was made and passed authorizing the Farm Labor Commission to prepare a statement establishing a policy for the Party on Public Law #78 to be circulated in the Party in Northern and Southern California and to be sent to the Party in Mexico for their opinions. Mickie was asked also to start the necessary contacts so that the Mexican Party could be consulted on the possibility of organizing the imported workers.

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"BILL WRIGHT made the final report to the conference on the small farmer and the possibility of getting his support toward the organization of the farm workers.

"Following the reports there was a brief discussion period and then the following proposals were made and adopted:

- "1. That the highlights of the all the reports be mimeographed and submitted to the District and that this material also be considered as the possible basis for an article in Political Affairs.
2. It was decided that the Committee will need a great deal of information that will require a lot of research and GRACE FORBES was appointed to receive the information and organize it for the use of the committee.
3. That this Conference be reported to the District Committee and that the responsibility of the District be pointed out in the area of organizing agricultural workers.

"When DELMER BERG made his report he stated that he hopes to attend a Conference of the National Sharecropper's Fund in Washington, D.C. on February 5th and 6th, and it was urged that he be given all the financial support possible,

"The Conference closed at about 4:00 PM and then LULU MAE THOMPSON, DELMER BERG and JOE GRAHAM got together and set another meeting date for the Commission at the Thompson home on Sunday, February 15, 1959.

"HASKELL SMITH told the THOMPSON's that he and his wife, NADINE, would like to come as far as the THOMPSON's and then go in to San Francisco with them to the People's World Conference. The THOMPSONS asked them to come on Saturday and spend the night with them.


"DAVE and GRACE FORBES then invited the THOMPSONS to come to their home for dinner on Sunday, February 1, 1959.

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 orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/16/59 that the above meeting was a closed CP function and only CP members attended.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: FEB 5 1959  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/22/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/20/59, concerns a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California held on 1/16/59 at San Francisco, California. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

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cc: 100-11889

[redacted] SF 1604-S)

65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)  
97-26 (WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)  
100-1418 (ELIZ. NICHOLAS)  
100-22198 (FRANCIS FINK)  
100-5867 (JOE GRAHAM)  
61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)  
100-27348 (BARNEY DEVETO)  
100-26849 (DON THAYER)  
100-28999 (KEDDIE JOHNSON)  
100- (JOHNSON)  
100-36248 (JOE FIGUERIDO)  
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)  
100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)  
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97-27 (PW)  
100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)  
100-27791 (CP FACTIONALISM)

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(AL LANNON)  
(VERNE BONE)  
(LEE COE)  
(MORRIS RAPPAPORT)  
100-20717 (CP PARTY LINE)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
(JOE [redacted]) Sonoma  
(UNSUB [redacted]) "

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 20, 1959

"A meeting of the District Committee of the Northern California Communist Party was held in the offices of the People's World on Friday evening, January 16, 1959 with the following people attending:

"MICKIE LIMA  
KEDDIE JOHNSON and HUSBAND  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
JOE FIGUEIREDO  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
AL RICHMOND  
ELIZABETH NICOLAUS  
JOE GRAHAM  
FRAN FINK  
HERB (Not a member of the District Committee.  
San Francisco County People's World Fund Drive  
Director)  
VENUS THOMPSON  
MERLE BROTSKY  
ARCHIE BROWN  
BARNEY DEVETO  
JOE from Sonoma County. He was accompanied by  
another man. They both spoke with a foreign  
accent. Both quite short-- about 5'4"--- JOE  
was a little stouter, both had grey hair and  
blue eyes.

DON THAYER

"MICKIE opened the meeting at about 8:15 and announced that the main item on the agenda for the evening was a report on factionalism in the Party in the Northern California District and a discussion of the problem. He also suggested that a discussion be held on proposals for the Sunday Conference on the People's World. JOE GRAHAM asked if he might have a few minutes to report on the FARM Worker Conference which was held on Sunday January 11th. This was included in the agenda.

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"MICKIE reported that he and HERB had conducted as much of an investigation as was possible in the Bay Area because the factional activities in Northern California seem to mostly be confined in that area. He stated that they had tried to interview several former Party members, but there seemed to be an agreement among them that they will not talk of their activities. MICKIE's report was quite long and involved, covering developments in the organization of the "Vangaurd" group on a nationwide basis. This group are considered the "ultra-Left" faction. In the Bay Area they are represented, according to MICKIE's report, by AL LANNON and VERNE BONE or BOWEN, among others. The Vangaurd group held a nation-wide convention and then sent out organizers and one of these came to San Francisco and also covered Southern California.

"MICKIE quoted from a letter written from LANNON to some leaders of the Vangaurd group (he had received a copy from the National Executive Committee) stating that he felt he could do more toward saving the Party by staying in the Party and working there. DON THAYER then reported that LANNON belonged to his Club and according to the way he understood the Constitution he is no longer a Party member because he has not paid dues for a long period of time. BILL SCHNEIDERMAN stated that VERNE BONE belongs to the same Club he does and has recently been elected Org. Secty. for the AFL Section.

"MERLE BROTSKY stated that LEE COE is one of the leaders of the ultra-left faction in the East Bay. Other name mentioned in the report and discussion were NAT YANNISH and MORRIS RAPPAPORT. It was stated that RAPPAPORT is not a Party member and has not been for many years, but he takes an interest in everything that occurs in the Party and has a great deal of influence with a lot of Party members.

"MICKIE stated that he felt that he must file charges against LANNON and BONE because of their factional activities and their refusal to support the Fund Drive of the People's World. This was discussed and he was persuaded to wait until all the information gathered has been reported to the Clubs these men belong to.



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"The Committee voted to issue a document containing the history of the factional movement and containing a statement to the effect that anyone who willfully refused to support the People's World during the last year or in the future has defied the National and District Committees and is not eligible for any office in the Party.

"Another motion passed authorized the District Committee, or Board or Officers to initiate organizational action against any group or members who engage in factional activities.

"The District Committee voted to instruct the Officers to organize discussion in the County Committees in respect to their findings on factionalism.

"It was voted to organize a District Org. Committee to deal with organizational policy in the District. This committee will be responsible for all transfers and final acceptance of all new members, they will establish a policy on acceptance of renewals and the reorganization of Clubs in consultation with the Counties, in an effort to strengthen some Clubs and organization.

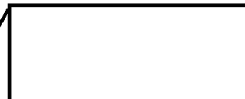
"It was getting quite late and MICKIE suggested that the District Board meet with him at 9:00 AM Sunday, preceding the People's World Conference to formulate rules of procedure. This was agreed to.

"JOE GRAHAM then made a brief report on the Farm Labor Conference which was held on January 11th and the District authorized the Committee to give their finalized report to the Board for approval, mimeographing and distribution to the District.

"BILL SCHNEIDERMAN announced that the District Legislative Committee will meet on Monday, January 26th and anyone interested could attend.

"The next meeting of the District Committee will be held on Saturday, February 21, 1959.

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT  
F. SAVAGE on 1/22/59 and could furnish no additional  
information.

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ACTION. Open and assign cases on JOE \_\_\_\_\_ and Unsub from  
Sonoma County for identification.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (97-27)

DATE: 2/5/59

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S WORLD  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/22/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/20/59 concerns a People's World Conference held in San Francisco, California on 1/18/59. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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cc: 97-27

[redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
[redacted]  
65-1242 (NICKIE LIMA)  
101-120 (BILLIE WACHTER)  
(SOL WACHTER\*)  
97-26 (WM. SCHNEIDERMAN)  
(SCHNEIDERMAN)  
100-5867 (JOE GRAHAM)  
100-14148 (ELIZ. NICHOLAS)  
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)  
100-36248 (JOE FIGUERIDO)  
100-6609 (GEORGE SANDY)  
100-26849 (DON THAYER)  
100-43637 (VIRGINIA BLATNER)  
100-27348 (BARNEY DEVETO)  
100-31335 (DAVE FORBES)  
100-34591 (GRACE FORBES)  
100-17111 (LEE KUTNIK)  
61-525 (WALTER STACK)  
3 cc: LOS ANGELES (PW)  
[redacted]

100-34639 (LIABLE BERGMAN)  
61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)  
100-20016 (STEVE MURDOCK)  
100-20003 (ROSE MURDOCK)  
100-39467 (ROBERT PURDY)  
61-408 (HARRY KRAMER)

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100-27346 (KEN HOWARD)  
100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)  
(ZEENA [redacted])  
(DON [redacted]) Santa Clara Co.  
(ELLIS [redacted]) SF  
(JIMMY [redacted]) SF  
(VERN BONE) BOWEN  
(LEE COE)  
(NILS [redacted]) SF  
(HERB [redacted]) SF  
(DORIS [redacted]) EB  
(DAVE [redacted]) EB WAREHOUSE  
(EMMA [redacted]) EB

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(JIM _____)	EB
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(KITTY _____)	SF
(REUBEN _____)	Sonoma
(MAX _____)	Marin
(PETE _____)	PW

100-27747	(CP ORGANIZATION)
100-25347	(CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
100-27791	(CP FACTIONALISM)
100-25085	(CP FUNDS)
100-26239	(CP MEMBERSHIP)
100-25539	(CP BRIEF)
100-26546	(CP EDUCATION)
100-28630	(CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
100-43478	(CP NATL COMM. VIEWPOINTS)
100-526	(NAT YANNISH)
100-27988	(DELMER BERG)

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 20, 1959

"On Sunday morning, January 18, 1959, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON and HASKELL and NADINE SMITH were eating breakfast before leaving for San Francisco to attend a People's World Conference. There was a knock at the door and when it was opened a young woman announced that she was VIRGINIA BLATTNER and that DELMER BERG had sent her to represent the Stanislaus County group at the conference and he had told her that she could go with the THOMPSONS. LULU MAE THOMPSON questioned her as to whether DELMER had recruited her as he had stated he was going to do and she said he had.

"This group went to the Conference which was held in the People's World Building. Registration opened at a little after 9:00 AM with BILLY WACHTER of the East Bay, JIMMY from San Francisco and LULU MAE THOMPSON from the Counties registering by area. Some of the people present were as follows:

MICKIE LIMA  
BILLIE and SOL WACHTER  
MERLE BROTSKY  
BILL and LETA (?) SCHNEIDERMAN  
JOE GRAHAM  
ELIZABETH NICOLAUS  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
ZENNA -- San Francisco, understood to operate a  
fur shop in Fillmore District  
AL RICHMOND  
JOE FIGUEIREDO  
GEORGE SANDY  
DON THAYER  
DON -- Santa Clara County Committee  
HASKELL and NADINE SMITH  
VIRGINIA BLATTNER  
BARNEY DEVETO  
GRACE and DAVE FORBES  
LEA KUTNIK  
ELLIS -- Book Store  
JIMMY -- San Francisco  
VERNE BONE (BOWEN)  
LEE COE  
WALTER STACK

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NILS -- San Francisco  
LAIBLE  
ARCHIE BROWN  
STEVE MURDOCK and Wife  
BOB PURDY  
HARRY KRAMER  
KEN HOWARD  
HERB -- Fund Drive Director for San Francisco County  
The following people were identified by their first  
name and the area they represented:

"East Bay-- DORIS, DAVE (Warehouse), EMMA, MORRIS, JIM,  
BETTY  
San Fran--KITTY, also a Negro, who's wife MILLIE was the  
Chairman of the Christmas Market.

"Sonoma-- REUBEN  
Marin County (Marin City?) MAX

"Pete, the caretaker of the People's World Building  
attended most of the meeting.

"MICKIE LIMA called the Conference to order at  
about 10:00 AM and announced the District Committee had  
called the Conference and they proposed ARCHIE BROWN for  
Chairman. LEE COE was also nominated, but ARCHIE was  
elected. STEVE MURDOCK was elected Secretary. AL  
RICHMOND, GEORGE SANDY, DON THAYER, SOL WACHTER and DON  
from Santa Clara County were elected as the Motions and  
Resolutions Committee.

"MICKIE LIMA gave the opening report, which covered  
the status of the paper, general political conditions and  
the problems faced by the paper. This was followed by  
general discussion until about 3:00 PM, with a break for  
lunch. During this discussion period many suggestions  
were made for the improvement for the paper, and some of  
these suggestions provoked much argument and some name-  
calling. At one time, BILL SCHNEIDERMAN challenged VERBE  
BONE on his failure in the past to support the fund drives  
conducted by the paper and BONE stated that he felt the  
paper has changed its policy so that he will support the  
fund drive this year.

Following the discussion of MICKIE's report, BILLIE  
WACHTER gave a report on Party organization and suggested  
the following procedure for the District:

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"#1. That each Club and individual member reaffirm their financial responsibility to the Party and that a dues control and re-registration be held in the next three month period.

"#2. That each Club work out plans to extend membership and contacts. Re-recruit and bring back inactive members.

This report with its proposals was adopted and it is to be mimeographed and sent out to the Clubs and also used as the basis as an article for Political Affairs.

"Following is the report of the Motions and resolutions committee and the action taken:

"#1. That the recent loan campaign instituted by the People's World be endorsed and that the members of the conference carry it's message to their Clubs and friends of the paper immediately. Approved.

"#2. That the Party make broad use of the Negro History Week edition of the People's World. Approved.

"#3. That the People's World have a special introductory offer of 10 weeks for \$1.00. Approved.

"#4. Urge that all readers not receiving bundles take at least 3 subs a week for distribution. Committee recomended this be referred to the Clubs. Approved.

"#5. That the renewal system be strengthened by renewing the old District Manager system. Approved.

"#6. That some method be organized to appoint press representatives for more representative news stories. Approved.

"#7. That every Party member support the paper by receiving it and by actively supporting the drives. Approved.

"#8. That someone be appointed to remind the Clubs of their responsibility toward the Christmas Bazaar and suggesting projects and organizing their execution starting immediately. Approved.

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"#9. That the Body accept the quota's of \$17,500.00 and \$3,500.00 in subs for the Northern California Area's share in the Fund Drive which will open on March 15, 1959. Approved.

"#10. That the People's World call a Conference for discussion of how the paper can give assistance in the fight for the 6 hour day and other issues. Approved.

"#11. That the District Committee make available an analysis of GATES and HAYWOOD and others who have or are engaging in anti-Party activity. This material for Paty members. Approved.

"#12. The committee recommended that a motion to appoint a committee of seven to examine the problem in the Northwest, be tabled. This was approved.

"#13. That a motion to create an education commission be referred to the District Committee. Approved.

"#14. That the People's World print a review of the first four issues of the new magazine, "International Marxist Review" and recognize future issues either by review or excerpts. Approved.

"#15. That a motion to call another conference at the end of the fund drive for an assessment of the progress of the paper and, if necessary, make arrangements for raising additional funds, be referred to the District Committee and that it should be their responsibility to decide on the desirability of such a conference. Approved.

"#16. That the highlights of MICKIE LIMA's report be mimeographed for distribution to the Clubs taking special note of some of his proposals: a) that the paper concentrate on the fight for the 6 hour day and FEPC, b) that a crusade be developed around the 6 hour day and trade with China, c) that the paper strss the popularization of Socialism, d) that all Party members support the paper without regard to factionalism.

"DAVE FORBES announced that he and JOE GRAHAM had collected \$57.50 toward sending a delegate to the National Sharecropper's Convention (DELMER BER). He also stated that he and GRACE had previously collected \$35.00.



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"AL RICHMOND was overheard telling BILLIE WACHTER that San Francisco County had elected NAT YANNISH to the program Committee and reminding her that someone should be elected from the East Bay.

"There were 71 delegates and 2 observers present.

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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[Redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/22/59 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION. Open & assign cases on all first name unsubs to writer for ident.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26388)

2/9/59

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, STANISLAUS COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on January 27, 1959, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated January 27, 1959, concerns activities of the Stanislaus County Communist Party. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 27, 1959"

"HARRIET and PHIL DAVIS of Empire visited at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Friday evening, January 23, 1959, arriving at about 8:15 PM. They said they wanted to know if the THOMPSONS knew what was the matter with DELMER BERG. According to HARRIET and PHIL they have been trying for several weeks to hold meetings of the Stanislaus County Club, but DEL has either refused to set a date or to attend the meeting if a date is set.

"DEL had come to their house on Thursday evening, January 22nd and he had told PHIL that he didn't want him to attend the Sacramento-San Joaquin Section meeting which was to be held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, January 25th. DEL also told PHIL that he would bring charges against him if he did attend the meeting.

"According to PHIL, he recently had made a proposal at an NAACP meeting on a non-political issue, which was in opposition to DEL's views. The body voted in favor of PHIL'S motion and this apparently upset DEL to a great degree.

"HARRIET and PHIL said they have been offered jobs on the "Farm Reporter" if they can sell the Empire News. HARRIET will work in the office and PHIL will travel, gathering news, subscriptions and advertising.

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(1-100-30040) (HARRIET DAVIS)

(1-100-30046) (PHIL DAVIS)

(1-100-27988) (DELMER BERG)

(1-100-43637) (VIRGINIA BLATTNER)

(1-100-11596) (NAACP)

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"The DAVIS' were unaware of the fact that DEL had recruited VIRGINIA BLATTNER because they have not had any meetings so they could pass on her application.

"HOWARD and LULU MAE told PHIL that it was their opinion that he should come to the Section meeting, because he is still one of their Clubs elected representatives.

"/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] on January 27, 1959, furnished additional written information to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE concerning above matter which is included in separate report regarding CP Valley Section Meeting on January 25, 1959.

ACTION: File.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889)

DATE: 2/11/59

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/27/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 1/27/59, concerns a meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party held at Lathrop, California, on 1/25/59. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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1-65-1242 (MICKIE LIMA)

1-100-30046 (PHIL DAVIS)

1-100-30040 (HARRIET DAVIS)

1-100-27988 (DELMER BERG)

1-100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS CO.)

1-100-32523 (ERNEST GURR)

1-100-36187 (WM. WAKEFIELD)

1-100-43637 (VIRGINIA BLATTNER)

1-100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

1-100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

1-100-27792 (CP FARMERS MATTERS)

1-100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)

1-100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)

1-100-31335 (DAVE FORBES)

1-100-32000 (MARIE GORIN)

1-100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME)

1-100-26239 (CP MEMBER-SHIP)

1-100-27348 (BARNEY DEVETO)

1-100-43478 (CP NAT'L COMM. VIEW-POINTS)

1-100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

1-65-1561 (ART GORIN)

1-100-17989 (CP SACRAMENTO CO.) rout-  
to P. FULLER

1-100-20016 (STEVE MURDOCK)

1-100-17296 (PAT VERBAL)

## 8-Los Angeles (REGISTERED)

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1-100-48482 (BUD DILLON)

1-100-28272 (FRANK GEOR)

1-100-16828 (CP FRESNO)

1-100-16827 (CP TULARE)

1-100-22798 (JIM BALLAR)

1-100-35873 (CHUCK WILLIAMS)

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 27, 1959

"A meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party of Northern California was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, January 25, 1959. The first ones to arrive for the meeting was HASKELL and NADINE SMITH, BUD DILLON and FRANK GEORGE. In a few minutes MICKIE LIMA arrived and LULU MAE THOMPSON asked him to step onto the back porch so she could talk to him alone. She explained to him that PHIL and HARRIET DAVIS had been to their home in an effort to find out why DELMER BERG was acting the way he is. She said BERG threatened to bring charges against DAVIS if he appeared at the Section meeting, but that she had advised DAVIS to come because he is an elected delegate from the Stanislaus County Club. MICKIE told her this was the proper procedure but that he thought it would be a good idea if he and LULU MAE had a talk with DEL before the meeting opened to see if it would be possible to keep any trouble from breaking out in the meeting.

"MICKIE and LULU MAE then went inside and asked that the members of the Fresno Club who were there, NADINE and HASKELL SMITH, BUD DILLON and FRANK GEORGE, all meet in the bedroom with them to hear FRANK GEORGE's appeal. This hearing was being held in an effort to finalize the charges of being argumentative and disruptive. The charges had been filed originally in Frank's Club and were heard by the Executive Board of the Section. He was found guilty of the charges, but the Board had not felt he should be expelled and had asked that the Club work with him in an effort to correct these faults. FRANK had then appealed the decision of the Board and this was the final stage, the hearing of the appeal. LULU MAE THOMPSON stated for MICKIE the findings of the Board then FRANK argued his point of view, trying to bring in things he had not been found guilty of. The others then stated their reasons for filing the charges originally. MICKIE stated that he felt the Board had been correct in their judgement and he told FRANK GEORGE that he must face up to his faults. FRANK finally agreed to accept the decision and the Club agreed to try to work with him in correcting himself, and the Fresno group joined the others who had arrived for the meeting.

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"LULU MAE THOMPSON then asked DELMER BERG to meet with MICKIE LIMA and her. She told DELMER that PHIL DAVIS and his wife had come to see her about whether PHIL should attend this meeting or not and she had advised him to come. DEL stated he knew they had come and that he is going to file charges against PHIL because of it. He said PHIL was not an elected delegate from their Club, but was only coming because he had agreed to let him in the first place. LULU MAE reminded DEL that she had been attending meetings of his Club at the time the Section was formed and that PHIL had been elected a delegate. DEL said he cannot work with the DAVIS' at all any more because they won't cooperate with him. Neither will the man from Merced County (ERNIE GURR), nor the old man out East of Modesto (WAKEFIELD?) and he has the basis of a new Club that will work with him in Virginia Blattner and some others he is going to recruit on his own. He stated that he would not stay at the Section meeting if DAVIS showed up. By this time he was practically shouting and calling DAVIS dirty names and MICKIE told him that, in his present frame of mind it might be best if he didn't stay. DEL also said that PHIL had called his girl sometime Friday and told her that DEL is a member of the Communist Party. He admitted he had no proof of this and MICKIE told him it could have been the FBI. MICKIE also told DEL that he should have talked over the problems he was having in his Club with LULU MAE THOMPSON, because she was his District representative. He said he had talked it over with HOWARD KEYLOR and MICKIE told him this was not the way to handle the problem. MICKIE suggested that a date be set when he could come up and he and LULU MAE could hear what all concerned have to say on the questions involved. DEL said that if the hearing was meant to work out some way for them all to work together again to forget it because he absolutely will not have anything to do with DAVIS. MICKIE stated that naturally this was the reason for the meeting and DEL finally agreed to attend, but stated he would not change his mind about DAVIS. The meeting will be held at the THOMPSON home on Sunday morning, February 22, 1959, at 10:00 AM. MICKIE stated it would be difficult to hold it any earlier because he will be in the East on the weekend of February 7th and 8th.

"MICKIE also told PHIL that the Party members have collected \$120.00 in the Bay Area to help send him to the Sharecropper's Fund Convention in Washington, D.C. the first week in February. DEL said he will see DAVE FORBES on Wednesday, January 28th to pick up the money.

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"MICKIE and DEL then joined the others in the living room and LULU MAE THOMPSON called MARIE GORIN, LILLIAN RANSOME, FRANK GEORGE and DELMER BERG into an executive Board meeting to plan the agenda for the meeting. When the matter of a report on the Farm Labor Commission's Conference came up, DEL asked who would make the report. LULU MAE told him she expected him to make the report because he had made the main report at the Conference. DEL stated that he was leaving either before the meeting opened, or if the report was scheduled early enough for him to give it before PHIL DAVIS arrived he would stay to give it. He tried to make LULU MAE THOMPSON responsible for his leaving, and she told him it was entirely his responsibility whether he left at all. The Board had just finished the agenda when DAVIS drove up out in front.

"There were one or two minor questions that held LULU MAE THOMPSON up so she had to call MICKIE LIMA in to talk to MARIE GORIN. MARIE told MICKIE that DEL had just turned in his dues money and he had not turned in any initiation fee for VIRGINIA BLATTNER and she was among the Club representatives in the other room. DEL and VIRGINIA and HOWARD THOMPSON and MICKIE LIMA were talking in the kitchen. VIRGINIA wanted to stay for the meeting, even if DEL refused to stay, but she was informed that it would be best if she left also since she had not been accepted into membership by any Club and she had not paid dues and initiation fee. She got very upset because she said she had given the money to DEL. By this time DEL was so angry that he was cursing, waving his fists and threatening to beat up on PHIL DAVIS. MICKIE told him and VIRGINIA that they had both better leave, because it would be impossible to reason with DEL in his frame of mind and it would only lead to trouble. They left, with DEL continuing to curse as he went thru the living room where the other Club delegates were seated.

"The Section meeting was finally called to order by the Chairman, LULU MAE THOMPSON at about 11:30 AM and the following people were present for the meeting:

"JIM BALLARD  
CHUCK WILLIAMS  
NADINE SMITH  
HASKELL SMITH  
BUD DILLON  
FRANK GEORGE  
PHIL DAVIS  
HOWARD THOMPSON

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"LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD KEYLOR  
MARIE GORIN  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
BARNEY DE VETO  
MICKIE LIMA

"The Section Secretary, MARIE GORIN reported that the Section had over \$100.00 in their treasury, and this did not include the money she had received before the meeting. She had received money from Fresno, Tulare, Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties and she had also turned over to MICKIE LIMA the balance after the Section money was removed from what she had received at the last Section meeting.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON then reported that MICKIE had heard the appeal by FRANK GEORGE and had upheld the decision of the Board.

"MICKIE LIMA then gave a general report on the activities of the National Committee and the District Committee since the last Section meeting and this was followed by a brief question and answer period.

"A recess was held for lunch and when the meeting resumed, LULU MAE THOMPSON gave a brief report on the Farm Labor Conference and this was augmented by remarks from BARNEY DE VETO and HASKELL SMITH. BUD DILLON then spoke on the report and made a few suggestions to be passed on to the Farm Labor Commission.

"MICKIE LIMA reported on the People's World Conference and HOWARD KEYLOR reported on the upcoming Democratic Party Legislative Conference and this was followed by a general discussion of the State Legislative Program.

"The next meeting of the Section will be held at the THOMPSON home on Sunday, April 19, 1959. The meeting adjourned at about 3:15 PM.

"Everyone left but MICKIE LIMA, MARIE GORIN, LILLIAN RANSOME and BARNEY DE VETO. MARIE and MICKIE started talking about the fact that MICKIE had spoken to JIM (the Negro Party member in Sacramento who is considered a member at large) about the beating ART GORIN had taken from a Negro in Sacramento and of the subsequent interference in the case by JIM. MARIE was also finding fault because people from the Party, specifically STEVE MURDOCK, are still contacting PAT VERBAL on Party business.



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"MICKIE and MARIE got to arguing and they both lost their tempers to the extent that they were shouting and then MICKIE asked LULU MAE THOMPSON if she would please sit in on their discussion. She did and they both immediately calmed down. The discussion kept rotating around the fact that MARIE and her Club refused to accept JIM into membership, they resent his being considered a member at large, and they resent the fact that he sometimes gives the impression to other Party people with whom he comes in contact that he is the representative of the Sacramento Club. MARIE said she refuses to put up with his conduct in her home as it was in the past, but was forced by MICKIE to admit that he has been in their home several times in the past year and that he had been all right. The Party members in Sacramento refuse to file charges against JIM, but they don't want him in their Club. MICKIE advised MARIE to get to know some of his family better—believed to be his mother-in-law, and until such time as they agree to accept him into membership, he will be considered as a member at large by the Party leadership.

"MICKIE left at about 4:45 PM and MARIE, LILLIAN and BARNEY stayed and visited for about another hour.

"/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/27/59 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File. Route CP Sacramento c.c. to SA P. FULLER for information.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-11889)      DATE: 2/11/59

FROM: SA KENNETH F. MOORE

SUBJECT: CP - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT  
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[ ] CP District 1/19/59 SA K. F. [ ]  
meeting held MOORE  
at PW, 81  
Clementina St.,  
SF, 1/16/59.

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cc: 65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)  
61-415 (AL RICHMOND)  
100-36248 (JOE FIGUREIDO)  
100-22198 (FRANCIS FINK)  
100-5867 (JOE MORRIS)  
97-26 (BILL SCHNEIDERMAN)

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61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)  
100-21889 (MERLE BRODSKY)  
100-26849 (DON THAYER)  
100-27346 (KEN HOWARD)  
100-32210 (JOE RAPAPORT)  
[ ] (HOWARD THOMPSON)  
100-27791 (CP FACTIONALISM)  
100-30717 (CP LINE)  
100-21290 (CP AFL SECTION)  
100-26076 (AL LANNON)  
100-25426 (VERN BAUN)  
100-28997 (CP WATERFRONT)  
100-526 (NAT YANISH)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION)  
61-225 (MORRIS RAPPAPORT)  
100-25539 (CP BRIEF)  
100- (UNSUB WOMAN)  
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San Francisco, California  
January 19, 1959

Communist Party District meeting held at the People's World  
81 Clementina Street, San Francisco

Date: January 16, 1959

Present: (15 voting people, but 18 people all told)

MICKEY LIMA, Chairman  
AL RICHMOND  
JOE FIGUREIDO  
FRANCIS FINK  
JOE MORRIS  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
LULA MAE THOMPSON  
ARCHIE BROWN  
MERLE BRODSKY  
DON THAYER  
KEN HOWARD  
VENUS THOMPSON  
JOE RAPPAPORT, old man from Sonoma, about 59 or 60,  
Two other old men, one looked to be in his 70s.  
Mr. THOMPSON (LULU MAE's husband)  
Woman who came with LULU MAE, from the Valley  
somewhere, blonde, 5'4", late 30s,  
thin build

There was the adoption of the agenda - the NEC report by MICKEY LIMA, a point on the PW conference, a point on a report from JOE MORRIS on the farm workers at the conference.

The report by MICKEY was a long one dealing with the inner struggle going on in the Party. He stated that at the last NEC meeting BOB THOMPSON points out that we are not dealing with good or bad people,, that factionalism has received cancerous proportions. There are minimum steps which have been proposed which are as follows:

that every member has the undisputed right to fight for the Party as he or she sees fit and present their views. That in the event their views are defeated that they must support the line that is voted on and approved, however, they have a right to dissent to the next higher body. He stated that there was a meeting of the ultra-left somewhere in the country and it was voted on whether we should form a

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new leftist Party at this meeting. This, however, was voted down. Then there was a special meeting of the AF of L Section in San Francisco and this question came out and the report was challenged. One of the members of this left group was a man named BOONE. In August of this year (1958) a conference was held and it was called the Vanguard Conference and RAMON from the Waterfront Section of New York made the main report. They adopted a resolution and it said that there were about 83 delegates who were present and they hope to get some six to 800 members. They then sent some organizers out into different sections of the country. One such organizer spent one week here in San Francisco and one week in Los Angeles and the 12 Party plan proposals were up held. At this particular meeting they called for the repudiation of a 16th convention.

LIMA said that one of the main charges against the Party was that the leadership was suppressing certain documents. They listed some of the documents:

- 1- On the question of the Jewish question
- 2- "The Main Thing"
- 3- They calimed that HARRY HAYWARD's document was being suppressed.

There were charges brought in some areas on the April meeting of the national leadership. MICKEY then stated that the document by the NEC committee of 11/21/58 attempts to give something about the activities of some of the right grouping and the left grouping of the Party. He stated that at the last NEC meeting a motion was made and adopted unanimously that while the Party of this ultra-leftist grouping had left the Party, there remained this grouping of factionalists. There was a letter written in October by AL LANNON and sent to the East. He indicates that in March a committee from our national section went to Chicago, which committee consisted of ARMANDO, KELLER, JOE DURHAM and HARRY HAYWARD, and that a split began to develop between ARMANDO and LANNON on one hand and KELLER and HAYWARD on the other. The West Coast and Chicago people decided that this would be a long hard fight within the Party. It seemed like there is a man named VERN BOWEN in San Francisco

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who is the leader of the West Coast factionalist group. This grouping led by VERN BOWEN are demanding for a call of a special convention and they are accusing the Party leadership of preventing a free and open discussion to be held at meetings. MICKEY stated that he had a meeting with VERN BOWEN and also with AL LANNON and when he questioned them about these secret meetings they became very indignant and then they refused to be questioned. LANNON was also indignant when questioned about this factionalist group. The document by VERN BOWEN was then submitted to the PA and in checking it it was found that it was verbatim to that which ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN had written in Chicago. Then there was the same document from the West Oakland Group and it also appeared to be along the same line of the thoughts which have been circulated.

MICKEY stated that NAT YANISH also submitted a document which accused the District of being concerned about the ultra-left faction, but not about the ultra right faction.

MICKEY went on to say that he wrote to the National Office for permission to use the letter from AL LANNON and he stated that it was all right to hold these discussions in the club, but to withhold from mentioning this letter from AL LANNON until he had permission from the National Office to circulate it or use it at the discussions. Someone named BILL SENNETT criticized the California 26 as being politically deteriorated and as doing nothing.

The 12 Party statement which VERN BOWEN claims as his own was that this was a document being circulated from Chicago from the FLYNN Division. He went on to say that VERN has now been elected as the Section Organizer for the AF of L Section and that they are very anxious to merge with other sections such as the Waterfront Section. MICKEY stated that first we should issue a statement to Party groups to at least give some estimation of the extent of factionalism in the area so that we can eradicate it and that we include a motion that any person of this committee who has any contact with any other factional grouping must discontinue meeting with this group and that anyone who is going to be in leadership or on the District Committee will refuse to support this policy or support the PW will be asked to drop this position. He said that the next proposal was that we instruct

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the East Bay people to carry information on factionalism and turn it over to the District Committee. He said we should file charges against AL LANNON and VERN BOWEN and then have them appear before a hearing of this committee. The District Committee should be asked to set up such a trial committee. The floor was then opened for discussion. This old fellow named JOE said that he felt there should be a permanent trial committee and he felt that the question of discipline is before us.

Most of the people went along with MICKEY's proposals that there should be some way of handling these factionalist charges.

The following motions were made and adopted:

1- To issue a document to the Party summarizing the factional situation which would include a statement that any member who has wilfully refused to carry out County, State and National Convention decisions to support the press is not eligible to hold office on any level in the Party. (They mean within the past year).

2- The District Committee adopts a motion authorizing the District Board, and/or officers to initiate organizational action against any member or group which engages in factional activities.

3- The District Committee instructs the officers to organize discussions in the County Committee and Clubs on the findings. The third motion refers to the first motion.

MICKEY stated that we should give information in the clubs without giving the source of it until permission has been granted from the National Office to use the LANNON letter.

4- That this commission be the center of the organizational policy in the District and be responsible for all transfers in and out of clubs, in and out of the District, also responsible for reorganization of clubs and Districts to reconstitute the strength of the Party. In other words this commission is to make final decisions and to act on expulsion and expulsion should be sponsored by two people and okayed by the clubs.

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The next item on the agenda was the discussion of the PW conference to be held Sunday at 9 p.m. at the PW. It was voted that they would wait until Sunday morning to prepare the procedural rules and nominate the chairman of the conference.

JOE MORRIS gave a report on the agricultural farm workers conference which was held at the PW on January 11, 1959. There was a brief report on the relation of the farm workers to the farmers and documents were submitted to the Board. At the end of his report, MICKEY asked that the District Committee authorize JOE's report to be submitted to the Board for consideration and finalize it as a District document of the Party.

JOE from Sonoma said that he wants the District to clear the air in Sonoma where this man named MORRIS RAPPAPORT circulates erroneous information about what is happening there. He tends to be a disrupter in the Sonoma County area.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:30 p.m.

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Inasmuch as New York and Chicago are aware of the activities of "RAMON, ARMANDO, JIM KELLER, JOE DUNHAM and HARRY HAYWOOD" as mentioned in the above report, copies are not being forwarded to those offices. <sup>b7D</sup>

was thoroughly questioned concerning the above and identified "JOE" as JOE RAPPAPORT.

RECOMMENDATION: Return copies of Unsub woman and two men to SA MOORE for identification.

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 2/19/59

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Dates of Contact 1/22,26,27; 2/2,6,16,18/59	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIF.	100-11889
CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY	100-21286
VINCE CABERE	100-31486
SAUL WACHTER	100-4524
LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN	100-21084
ZENA DRUCKMAN	100-29630
ELLIS COLTON	100-20500
JIMMY WOOD & misc. SM-C cases	100-26621
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive 1/22,26,27; 2/2,6,16,18/59	
Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
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Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

Signed: Robert F. Savage

Special Agent

Authority (date) SFlet 9-17-58

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Approved:

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Informant's File No.

By Whom Robert F. Savage

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) Date 2/9/59

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY CP  
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	Mtg. of delegates of CP of Northern Calif. at PW conference at SF on 1/18/59	1/29/59	writer	[redacted]
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Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to the writer in person on 1/29/59 and which is quoted as follows.

"Jan 28-59

"I attended a conference called by the district committee of the Communist party of northern California. January 18-1959 at 81 Clementina St. San Francisco. There were 73 Delegates present. ARCHEL BROWN was chairman. STEVE MURDOCK Sect.

"First report was given by MICKEY LIMA and was voted on and accepted. Copies of his report are to be sent to all clubs of the C.P. of northern Calif.

cc: [redacted]

14- SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED) 100-31196 (H. SMITH)  
ARCHIE BROWN 100-56652 (N. SMITH)  
STEVE MURDOCK  
MICKEY LIMA  
GRACE FORBES  
FORBES (GRACE FORBES' husband)  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
AL RICHMOND  
HOWARD THOMESON  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
GRACE PARTRIDGE  
GEORGE SANDY  
VIRGINIA BLATTNER  
HOWARD STACK  
DELMER BERG

*Howard Olsen Thompson*  
*security listed only*  
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"One person from each club was given 7 to 10 minutes to talk. Some wanted more about Communism in the paper and some did not.

"The resolution Committee gave a report on Proposals; one on 6 hour day;

"Each club to have a press director; try to have every one renew his sub, etc; also each C.P. member pay dues up in full; Recruit new and old members in the Communist Party; each club meet regular at least 2 meetings a month.

"This meeting started at 10 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

"This conference was called in regards to the Peoples World paper.

"I will give the names of the People I know and remember that were present at the meeting:

ARCHIE BROWN  
STEVE MURDOCK  
MICKEY LIMA  
GRACE FORBES and husband  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
AL RICHMOND  
NADINE SMITH  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
GRACE PARTRIDGE  
HASKELL SMITH  
GEORGE SANDY  
VIRGINIA BLATTNER  
HOWARD STACK

"There was also \$92.00 raised to send DELMER BERG to Washington D.C. to attend a conference for the Agriculture workers and share cropper's on Feb. 5-6, 1959.

"There was a girl from Modesto, Calif. that went to this meeting who is a new member of the Communist Party that works for the City Schools in Modesto Calif. Her name is VIRGINIA BLATTNER."

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ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-16828) Date 2/9/59

FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY CP  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	Conference of Farm Workers called by Dist. Comm. of CP at SF on 1/11/59	1/20/59	writer	[redacted]

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Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to the writer in person on 1/20/59 and which is quoted as follows:

"January 11-59

"I attended a meeting at 81 Clementina St. San Francisco, Calif. Sunday Jan 11/1959. It was a conference on Farm Workers called by the District Committee of the Communist Party. There was 14 people present. Some I did not learn their names. I will give the names of the people I remember

MICKEY LIMA  
STEVE MURDOCK  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
HASKELL SMITH

cc: [redacted]

7-SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)

MICKEY LIMA  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
JOE VERNON  
BOB  
DILL  
STEVE MURDOCK

100- (G. GRIFIN)  
100-31196 (H. SMITH)

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a former school teacher from Tulare  
GRACE GRIVVIN  
JOE VERNON BOB

"I did not     the last name of DILL from Modesto.

"DILL made the first report on the wages & conditions of the farm workers. He said the C.P. was the only organization that could organize the farm workers, a fellow his name was BOB gave a report on imported farm labor and Public Law 78. DILL from Modesto is going to Washington D.C. to attend a meeting of Farm Workers some time in February.

"MICKEY LIMA & STEVE MURDOCK gave a report on Legislature. Proposals. The meeting started at 10: A.M. to 4: P.M."

ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

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[redacted] who	Mtg. of Northern	1/29/59	writer	[redacted]
has furnished Sect. Committee of reliable infor-CP held at residence in the of HOWARD & LULU MAE past and whose THOMPSON, Lathrop, identity should Calif. on 1/25/59 be concealed				

Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to the writer in person on 1/29/59, and which is quoted as follows:

"January 29-1959

"I attended a meeting called by the northern Section Committee of the Communist Party. Jan 25, 1959 at HOWARD THOMPSON residence at Lathrop, Cal.

"Meeting started at 9:30 A.M.

"First was a meeting in regards to FRANK GEORGE of Sanger, Calif. FRANK was charged by the Fresno Club of the Communist Party of being disruptional and arrogant in meetings in the club. He was found guilty by the Section Committee

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10-SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)  
HOWARD THOMPSON

100-22798	(J. BALLARD)	(SI)
100-35873	(C. WILLIAMS)	(SI)
100-31196	(H. SMITH)	(SI)
100-56652	(N. SMITH)	(SI)
100-28276	(F. GEORGE)	(SI)
100-48482	(B. DILLON)	(SI)

MICKEY LIMA 65-1242  
LILLIAN RANSOME 100-31391  
MARIE (LNU) from Sacramento  
HOWARD KAYLOR 100-29506  
BARNEY? (LNU) Yuba County  
DELMER BERG 100-27788  
VIRGINIA BLATTNER 100-43637  
PHILLIP DAVIS (Modesto) 100-30046

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but appealed the charges to the District Committee of the CP. MICKEY LIMA of the District Committee also found FRANK guilty of the charges. FRANK admitted his guilt and agreed to try and work with the club.

"Next was paying of dues from different clubs. I did not get the amount paid; then a report by the financial secretary; there was a little over one hundred dollars in the treasury; and a report by MICKEY LIMA on the Peoples World paper. Conference at San Francisco Jan. 18-59. and a report by LULU MAE THOMPSON on the meeting called by the C.P. Farm Workers Committee Jan 11-59 at San Francisco; and a report given by BUD DILLON on Farm Workers; HOWARD KAYLOR also gave a report on the Farm Workers; also HASKELL SMITH gave a report; MICKEY LIMA gave a talk on what the C.P. is doing to make the Peoples World paper a better paper and to raise money for the paper. He said they are going to try and get the Dean of Canterbury from England over here to help raise money for the paper..

"People present at this meeting:

HOWARD THOMPSON  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
MICKEY LIMA  
LILLIAN RANSOME  
MARIE ? from Sacramento  
BUD DILLON  
NADINE SMITH  
FRANK. GEORGE  
HASKELL SMITH  
JIM BALLARD  
CHUCK WILLIAMS  
HOWARD KAYLOR  
BARNEY? Yuba County  
PHILLIP DAVIS, Modesto  
DELMAR BERG  
VIRGINIA BLATTNER"

ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.



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FROM: SA ROBERT J. EMONTS

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[redacted] who	Northern Section	1/29/59	writer	[redacted]
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has furnished Committee of CP mtg.  
reliable information on 1/25/59 at HOWARD  
THOMPSON's residence,  
past and whose Lathrop, Calif.  
identity should  
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Informant supplied the information in handwritten form which was given to the writer in person on 1/29/59 and which is quoted as follows:

"January 27, 1959

"I attended a meeting called by the Northern Section Committee of the Communist Party, Jan. 25, 1959 at HOWARD THOMPSON's residence in Lathrop, California. The meeting started at 9:30 A.M. for the FRANK GEORGE case who resides in Sanger, California. He was charged with being argumentative, and discriptive in party meetings. He had appealed in a previous meetings. The section found him guilty of the charges. FRANK GEORGE admitted his guilt but he said 'In my own mind I can't say I'm guilty.' He agreed to try and work with his party group."

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DELMER BERG 100-17988

VIRGINIA BLATTNER 100-43637

HOWARD KEYLOR 100-29506

HOWARD THOMPSON

100-48482 (B. DILLON) (SI)  
100-28272 (F. GEORGE) (SI)  
100-22798 (J. BALLARD) (SI)  
100-35873 (C. WILLIAMS) (SI)  
100-31196 (H. SMITH) (SI)  
100-56652 (N. SMITH) (SI)

MARIE (LNU) of Sacramento (treasurer)

LILLIAN RANSOME 100-31391

BARNEY (LNU) of Yuba County

PHILLIP DAVIS

MICKY LIMA 65-1242

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"Next was a case between DELMER BERG and PHILLIP DAVIS (which was private as was the FRANK GEORGE case). After the private meeting, DELMER BERG furiously stomped out and told VIRGINIA BLATTNER they must go. She ask why and DELMER said he was not sitting in the same room as PHILLIP DAVIS. MICKEY LIMA said it was better that he leave until he cools off. MICKEY said he would try and settle this case by the next time we met.

"The meeting then started and there were sixteen present counting the two that left early.

DELMER BERG of Ceres, California  
VIRGINIA BLATTNER of Modesto, Calif.  
HASKELL & NADINE SMITH of Fresno  
HOWARD KAYLOR (phonetic) of Stockton  
HOWARD & LULU MAE THOMPSON of Lathrop  
BUD DILLON of Fresno, Calif.  
FRANK GEORGE of Sanger, Calif.  
JIM BALLARD of Lindsay, Calif.  
'CHUCH' WILLIAMS of Porterville, Calif.  
(treasurer) MARIE ? of Sacramento  
LILLIAN RANSOM of Yuba Co.  
BARNEY? of " "  
PHILLIP DAVIS of Stanislaus Co.  
MICKEY LIMA

"This meeting was mostly a review of the conference which was held in San Francisco Jan 18, 1959. MICKEY gave this report and LULU MAE gave a report on Farm Labor Meeting. Then a discussion period was open. Each person gave a report what was happening to the farm areas in their district. Some says the Japanese and Philipinos wages are smaller than the Mexican Nationals.

"The dues were collected from each club. There are about one hundred dollars in the treasure.

"We discussed how to raise money for the paper. Subscriptions are more important than money, that way more people will know whats going on in the world today. MICKEY stated they are trying to get the Dean of Canterbury here from England and raise money. This isn't positive."

#### ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning above and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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has furnished conference called  
reliable infor- by the Northern  
mation in the District Committee of  
past and whose CP at SF on 1/18/59  
identity should  
be concealed

Informant supplied the information in handwritten form  
which was given to the writer in person on 1/29/59 and which  
reads as follows:

"Jan 26, 1959

"I attended a meeting January 18, 1959 in San  
Francisco, 81 Clementina Street. It was a Peoples World  
Conference called by the Northern District Committee of the  
Communist Party of California. There were 73 delegates from  
different clubs. Those I recognized were:

BARNEY? from Yuba  
HOWARD & LULU MAE THOMPSON from Lathrop

cc: [redacted]

16-SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)  
BARNEY (LNU) from Yuba, Cal.  
HOWARD THOMPSON  
LULU MAE THOMPSON  
GEORGE SANDY  
STEVE MURDOCK  
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
HOWARD STACK  
LEE COLE  
ARCHIE BROWN  
LAU (LNU) from East Bay.  
RUEBEN (LNU) from Sonoma  
GRACE FORBES  
(FNU) FORBES (GRACE's husband)  
AL RICHMOND  
GRACE PARTRIDGE  
MICKEY LIMA

100-31196 (H. SMITH)  
100-56652 (N. SMITH)

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VIRGINIA BLATTNER from Modesto (a new recruit) (and works for the City Schools)

GEORGE SANDY  
STEVE MURDOCK  
BILL SNYDERMAN?  
HOWARD STACK  
LEE COLE  
ARCHIE BROWN  
LAU ? from East Bay.  
RUEBEN ? from Sonoma  
Mr. & Mrs. GRACE FORBES  
HASKELL and NADINE SMITH  
AL RICHMOND  
GRACE PARTRIDGE  
MICKEY LIMA

"ARCHIE BROWN was elected chairman and STEVE MURDOCK was secretary. MICKEY LIMA gave a report first, which later copies will be sent to each club of the Northern District. Each member was given seven to ten minutes to speak in the discussion period. Some told how to make the paper a better one. Others wanted more Communism in the paper. Some wanted news from abroad and others said we should start doing something about our own country instead of going abroad for news.

"There were about 15 resolutions made which will be given to all clubs in the Northern District.

"There was a report given about the previous Farm Labor Meeting which was held Jan 11, 1959, 81 Clementina St., San Francisco. DELMER BERG of Stanislaus Co. will be going to Washington D.C. for a Labor Conference February 5th and 6th. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and PHILLIP RANDOLPH will speak at this conference. \$92.50 has been raised to send DELMER BERG to this conference.

"They are urging us to recruit new and old members and attend at least two party meetings a month and also pay all back dues.

"The Peoples World Fund Drive starts March 15th. They want everyone who can, have their dues paid in by that time. They urged anyone that could loan money to the paper in the next 15 days that they needed four and five thousand dollars. Last year the paper paid back \$2500.00 to loaners."

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ACTION

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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DATE

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

for information concerning the case entitled CP USA IS-C SF 100-11889

by:

*Joseph T. Daly*  
Special Agent

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Authority (date) Bulet 1-23-59

Approved:

*W.B.*  
SAC

Informant's File No.

By Whom

*Joseph T. Daly*

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TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/23/59


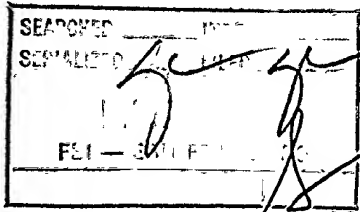
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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY	100-21286
Purpose and results of contact	
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SAC San Francisco (100-29506)

2/24/59

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

DELMER ESLEY BERG  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/18/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/17/59, concerns CP Farm Labor activities of DELMER BERG, Chairman of the Stanislaus County CP. This report is set out verbatim and original with copy of mimeographed letter to "FARM WORKERS" is being maintained as an exhibit in [redacted]

Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 17, 1959

On Monday afternoon, February 16, 1959, DELMER BERG visited the HOWARD THOMPSON home and the THOMPSONs worked with him in mimeographing the enclosed pamphlet for distribution. They did about 3,500 copies. After the mimeographing was done, LULU MAE THOMPSON served dinner. DEL left the THOMPSON home at about 7:30 PM.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/18/59 that DELMER BERG is associated with the National Agricultural Workers Union at Modesto, Calif. Informant could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

Read by \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 - 100-29506
- 1 - 100-27792 - CP Farmers Matters
- 1 - 100-28630 - CP Strategy in Industry
- 1 - 100-26388 - CP Stanislaus Co.
- 1 - 100-25347 - CP Political Activities

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SAC, San Francisco (100-26333)

2/16/59

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, STANISLAUS COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/9/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/3/59, concerns Communist Party activities in Stanislaus County. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

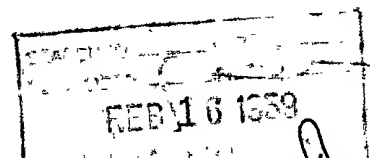
Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 3, 1959

On Wednesday morning, January 23, 1959, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON drove to Empire, California to visit MAY MURRAY FORRESTER. While HOWARD THOMPSON visited with her husband, LULU MAE went into the kitchen with MAY and talked with her about the situation in the Stanislaus County Communist Party Club. MAY is not a member at the present time because her husband is not politically inclined, but the members of the Club still talk with MAY and she still is involved in their problems.

When EDWIN BORG talked to LULU MAE THOMPSON and NICKIE LIMA at the THOMPSON home on Sunday, January 25, 1959, he told them that PHIL DAVIS hated MAY MURRAY. LULU MAE asked MAY if she felt this was true and she said that she felt that PHIL had "resented" her position of authority in the Party when he and HARRIET first arrived in the area, but she is sure he does not hate her. According to MAY, the DAVIS' go out of their way to do things for her and for the girls. They are not helping so much at the present time, since she has remarried, but after CURRY died they gave them food and financial help.

- 1 - 100-26333
- 1 - 100-23334 - May Murry
- 1 - 100-27983 - D. Borg
- 1 - 100-30086 - Phil Davis
- 1 - 100-30080 - Harriett Davis
- 1 - 100-31030 - Leora Chastain
- 1 - [redacted] SF 1604-3
- 1 - [redacted]

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MAY said that she had had lunch with HARRIET DAVIS on Friday, January 20th and HARRIET had told her that DELMER LONG had threatened to bring charges against PHIL, based on the fact that PHIL had opposed LONG on a social matter at a NAACP meeting. MAY then told LULU MAE that DEL also bases his attitude against PHIL on PHIL's actions earlier this year, but MAY went on to say that DEL at one time had run off with a married woman with minor children and had taken them over the State line. MAY said she felt that DEL was in no position to find fault.

MAY said LUCIA CHASTAIN had said that she is relieved to be inactive in the Party and that she is not actually paying her dues. LUCIA gives DEL money but it is for some work that he did for the CHASTAINS before they separated; and this is what DEL is turning in as her dues.

/s/ [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT W. SAVAGE on 2/16/59 that DELMER LONG, Chairman of the Stanislaus County CP has calmed down and is not as mad at PHIL DAVIS as he was. Informant could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: file.

SAS, San Francisco (100-21205)

2/16/59

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/9/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/3/59, concerns activities of San Joaquin County CP officials. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 3, 1959

GRACE and DAVE FORBES of 1216 Talbot Ave., Berkeley, had invited HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON to have dinner at their home on Sunday, February 1, 1959. The THOMPSONs arrived at about 1:40 PM, and a short time later, EDDIE and ELEAN JOHNSON of Marin County came in. They said they had just dropped by on their way to a showing of their vacation pictures to inquire about how the FORBES were and how they were doing.

The JOHNSONs stated they show their pictures to raise money for "any good cause" and in reply to a question from the THOMPSONs they said they would be glad to show them in San Joaquin County at any time. The THOMPSONs said they would try to arrange for a showing to help meet their quota for the People's World.

The JOHNSONs left at about 2:20 PM and the others had dinner and then visited until the THOMPSONs left for their home at about 6:45 PM.

/s/ [redacted]  
[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/16/59 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION: File.

- 1 - 100-21205
- 1 - 100-31335 - D. Forbes
- 1 - 100-34891 - G. Forbes
- 1 - 100-28999 - K. Johnson
- 1 - 100-45339 - E. Johnson
- 2 - 97-27 - RJ
- 1 - [redacted] 62 1604-3
- 1 - [redacted]

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TO : SAC, San Francisco (100-11889)  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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DATE: 2/22/59

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/18/59 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report, dated 2/17/59, concerns a meeting of the CP Northern California District Farm Labor Commission held at Lathrop, California, on 2/15/59. The report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

1 - 100-11889  
1 - 100-27792 - CP Farmers Matters  
1 - 100-28630 - CP Strategy in Industry  
1 - 100-5867 - Joe Graham  
1 - 100-23999 - Bob Lindsey  
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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 17, 1959

The Farm Labor Commission of the Northern California District of the Communist Party held a meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday, February 15, 1959. The following persons attended the meeting: JOE GRAHAM, BOB LINDSEY, BARNEY DEVETO (he had been visiting with the THOMPSONS since Friday), HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON, HOWARD KEYLOR, DELMER BERG.

The meeting was opened by the Commission Chairman, JOE GRAHAM at about 10:30 AM. The first item on the agenda was a report by DELMER BERG on the hearings held by the National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor at which he testified in Washington, D.C. on February 5th and 6th. His report was followed by questions and answers and then the Chairman called a recess at about 1:00 PM for lunch.

When the meeting was reopened after lunch, BOB LINDSEY reported that he had written a statement on Public Law #78 as instructed by the last Conference, to be used as a basis of Party policy on the law. He read his prepared report and during the discussion which followed, it was apparent that those present did not entirely agree with his analysis, especially concerning the organization of the Nationals. He agreed to rewrite some parts of the statement and a meeting of the sub-committee will be held at the DAVE FORBES' home on Sunday, March 8th at 10:00 AM to discuss the new document. HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON felt that DEL BERG took the proper stand on the issue and at BERG's request, they were added to the sub-committee.

The District Committee will be requested to hold an enlarged meeting one of the first week-ends in April to consider the problems involved in organizing the Farm Workers and it was also suggested that an invitation be extended to the Party in Southern California to participate in the meeting.

During the day, JOE GRAHAM gave the following address and name to DELMER BERG. He stated that this person was a Party member in Arizona and worked with him and he thought he could be of assistance to BERG: ALBERT COLLINS, 1858 W. Washington, Stockton.

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BERG also told LULU MAE THOMPSON that he would not be able to appear for the hearing on his problem with PHIL DAVIS until about 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 22nd, so she said she would contact MICKIE LIMA and the DAVIS' and try to change the time.

The meeting was over at about 5:00 PM. BARNEY DEVETO stayed a little longer, saying he would stop at ART GORIN's in Sacramento on the way home.

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[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/18/59 that DELMER BERG, Chairman of the Stanislaus County CP, attended the Farm Labor hearing in Washington, D.C., on 2/5,6/59. BERG is associated with the National Agricultural Workers Union at Modesto, Calif. Informant was unable to furnish any additional information.

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